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THE BOX FAMILY HISTORY: REUBEN FRANKLIN BOX AND HIS
CALIFORNIA FAMILY

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ERRATA & ADDENDA

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p23 - 5th line fm bottom of page: delete "P" in "Elijah
Preston HOWELL"

p27 - 9th line fm top, after "Gladys Jenkins" insert
"sp - WIEDRICK"

p34 - 10th line fm bottom: move "5 - Ann Jane WILSON --371
(1945)" to position under "sp - Dorothy DOWELL --369
(1908)"

p39 - 4th line fm bottom: delete "r" in 3rd word

p39A- left column, 2nd picture caption (1951):
3rd line after "?" insert "Ora MATZEN"
Add 6th line after "Ken &" insert "Alice Ramsay, ?"
right column, 2nd picture caption, 1st line, delete
"Alice Ramsay, ?"
" 3rd line, after
"Ken" insert "Louie"

p39B- top picture caption, end 3rd line, insert "David
PETERSEN" for "?"

p40 - 1982, 4th line, 2nd word from end, change to:
"invitation"
" 1982, 3rd line fm bottom after "Katie BROWN" insert
"and sons Glenn and Paul BOX"
" 1990, 3rd line, after "boyfriend" insert "David
PETERSEN"

p61 - 2nd paragraph fm bottom: chg "1962" to "1952"

p79 - 5th paragraph, 1st line: chg "Antonia" to "Antonio"

p89 - Add line 4: "d 18 Oct 1991, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA"
" 5: "bur 22 Oct 1991, Cypress Hill Memorial
Park, Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA"

p97 - Add at end of Notes for Ben MATZEN:
"1991 - 18 Oct - Ben died at his home in Sonoma. I
have three unattributed obituaries from Sonoma Co
newspapers. I include the most comprehensive one:

"BERNARD MATZEN -

"A memorial service was held today in Petaluma for Bernard Matzen, a retired orthodontist who died Oct. 12 in Sonoma. He was 85.

"Mr Matzen was born in Arcata on March 29, 1906. His early years were spent in various parts of California, including Petaluma, San Francisco, the Sequoia and Cleveland National Forests - where his father was a forest ranger - and McKinleyville. Mr Matzen spent one year in Germany at age 8, returning just before the outbreak of World War I.

"He graduated from Arcata High School in 1924 and entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, now affiliated with the University of the Pacific. During his college years, Mr Matzen was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. He gained distinction for his crown and bridge work and for having the highest scholastic record of his class. He was editor of the school yearbook.

"Mr Matzen opened his first office in Petaluma in 1928. Ila Grace Burns became his dental nurse in 1934, and they were married in June 1936 in Two Rock Valley Presbyterian Church.

"He studied orthodontics with Dr Vernon Hunt of Arcata and then opened a practice in Napa. For many years he was the town's only orthodontist. He retired in 1973 and he moved to a retirement community in Sonoma.

"He served as president of the Napa-Solano dental society and was head of the Dental Selective Service during World War II. He held two patents for his invention of an orthodontic exercizer device.

Mr Matzen was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge since 1928 and was a charter member of the Silverado Lodge in Napa.

"He was an avid sportsman. He belonged to a boating club in Petaluma, the Auburn Ski Club and the Silverado Archery Club of Napa, which he helped found, serving as its first president. He was the national bare bow champion in 1957.

"In Sonoma, he took up golfing and also became a charter member of S.I.R.S.

Mr Matzen is survived by his wife; daughter, Arleen Pickett of Los Gatos; and Vernon Charles Matzen of Raleigh, N.C., and four grandchildren.

"Services were held at 11 a.m. in the Bates, Evans & Fehrensens chapel in Sonoma. (NOTE: The same mortuary that handled his great-grandmother Lucy Elizabeth PARKER BOX's funeral in 1893!) Burial will be in Cypress Hill Memorial Park in Petaluma. The family prefers memorial donations be given to a favorite charity."

- p112- 3rd paragraph, 1st line: insert "book" after "1955"
- p147- 3rd line, 3rd word fm end: chg to "Attaché"
- p151- after 2nd line: add "1991, 2 Nov, Kerri m David James PETERSEN, son of Mr & Mrs Warren PETERSEN, 4PM, Presbyterian Church of Fair Oaks, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, Sacramento Co, CA"
- p158- 2nd paragraph, 1st line: chg "Daniels" to "Daniel"
" " 3rd " : chg "Lilly" to "Lillie"
- p178- 1945, 25 April letter, 7th line fm bottom: change "cele- brate" to "celebrate"
- p180- 1964, 5th line: change "Wanger" to "Wagner"
" 1969, end of 5th line: delete "new"
" " end of 9th line: insert "where"
- p184- 5th paragraph, 1957, end 5th line: delete "from"
- p212- 1st line, 1st word: chg to "experience"
- p213- 3rd line, 6th word: chg to "twenty"
- p218- 2nd paragraph, 1st line, last word: chg to "European"
- p222- 4th line fm bottom, 5th word fm end: chg to "How"
- p229- 4th paragraph, 1989, last line: delete "year by 3
minutes"
" 5th " ,2nd line, 3rd word fm end: chg to "Glenn"
- p239- 1st paragraph, 4th line: delete "*" before "Booth"
- p267- 2nd paragraph, 4th line fm bottom, 6th word:
chg to "chuckled"
" 3rd " , 5th line, 4th word: chg to "her"
- p268- last paragraph, 4th line, 3rd word fm end:
chg to "conducting"
- p272- 5th line fm bottom of text: change "Jack d. 19 May
1872" to "Jack d. 19 May 1870"
- p289- 2nd paragraph, 1920's, 9th line, 1st word:
chg to "available"
- p298- 8th line fm top, 5th word fm end: chg to "interested"
- p305- 3rd paragraph, 1948, 3rd line: chg to "SALOMONSON"
- p310- 2nd paragraph. 6th line, after "20": insert "minutes"

- " mid-page, under Robert Garth "Bob" GUTHRIE,
line 3: chg "1925/1926" to "1926"
- " add as lines 4 & 5:
"d 25 Nov 1991, Oceano, San Luis Obispo Co, CA"
"bur Home of Peace Cemetery, Porterville, Tulare Co,
CA"
- " 1916-17, 5th line, 1st word: chg to "Porterville"
- " Information For the Minister about Bob Guthrie sent
to me by Jane Guthrie Muller:
"Robert Garth Guthrie was born April 5 1897, to John
Franklin Guthrie and Mary Ellen White Guthrie at their
home in the foothills near White River.
"Bob attended the old Coho School nearby and then
graduated from the granite high school in Porterville
in 1916. He attended college at Davis for two years
before returning home to engage in the cattle business
with his father and brothers.
"A skilled horseman, he rode race horses for several
years, helping his father train and race his at county
fairs and tracks in the southern San Joaquin Valley.
"In the early '30s and '40s he was the State brand
inspector at the Los Angeles Stockyards. Later, he
returned to training horses, working for S.A. Camp at
Springville. For a time he was riding instructor in
charge of the stables at Stanford University, and his
last job before retiring was involved with the horses
belonging to Mr. Madonna of the Madonna Inn at San
Luis Obispo.
"For the last twenty years he has lived in Oceano
with his wife, the former Ellen Shepard, whom he
married in 1926.
"Mr Guthrie is survived by his wife and several nieces
and nephews, including Jane Muller of Ducor; Lou Ann
Salomonson and Less Guthrie of Porterville; Carol
O'Sullivan and Dr. Bob McCall of Phoenix; Guy Guthrie,
Jr. of Fresno; Wiley Guthrie of Anchorage, Alaska; and
Donna Vaillancourt of Long Beach."
- " 27 Nov 1991, Recorder, Obituary column:
"ROBERT GUTHRIE - A graveside service is scheduled
for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Home of Peace Cemetery in
Porterville for Robert 'Bob' Guthrie, 94, who died
Monday in Oceano. The Rev. Warren Taylor of the First
Congregational Church in Porterville will officiate.
"Mr Guthrie was born near White River and lived in
Oceano for 20 years. He attended Coho School near
White River and graduated from Porterville High School
in 1916.
"He attended college at University of California at
Davis for two years before returning to the cattle
business with his father and brothers.
"During the 1930s and 1940s he was state brand
inspector at the Los Angeles Stockyards. He was a

p311- 1949, 2nd line: "Robert Francis b 14 Oct" (add) "1979"

p317- line 3 should read: "m Ethel Wiley 1921; div 1928;
d 1948; m Iola ? abt 1950

" line 6ff "Fresno," change to: "He was enroute France
on a ship when the Armistice was signed; spent
1 year with the Army of Occupation. He bought a place
on Tyler Creek, very close to Less and Flo Guthrie.

1922 - Virginia Beth b 1922 m Wm B SPURLIN, she d
May 1988 of cancer, Denver, CO; Children:
Richard R, Virginia, Barbara, Frances, Wm B Jr
1924 - Guy Earnest, Jr b 1924 m 1) Jackie WARD
Children: 1) Michael b 1950 m 1) Josie
PETERSON;

Ch: Brandon b 1974

Clinton b 1976

Darin b 1978

Michael m 2) Rebecca ELIA

2) Suzanne b 1952 m Phillip
WARNER;

Ch: Adam b 1974

Amy b 1976

3) Richard b 1954 m Tamrie LOW

Ch: Jason b 1981

Sarah b 1982

Elizabeth b 1987

Ashleigh b 1989

4) Brian b 1958 m Teresa KING

Ch: Kyle b 1987

Trevor b 1990

Guy Earnest Jr m 2) Evelyn CAULK

Children: Cheryl b 1965 m Stan ENGLE

1926 - Donna May b 1926 m Wm VAILLANCOURT - one son

1928 - Wiley Galen b 1928 m Frances ODOM;

Children: 1) Cheryl Lynn b 1959 m Jon
Steven CAGLE;

Ch: Jon Steven II b 1984

David Michael b 1987

Alyssa Lynn b 1989

2) Ryan Galen b 13 Nov 1967

" Change last paragraph of Guy Earnest GUTHRIE Notes to
read:

Per Jane Guthrie 27 Apr 1987: Everett "Beany" Guthrie
was schizophrenic and his behavior "unpredicableble."
He was sent to a hospital in Bakersfield. Guy and
Iola Guthrie were living in the Guthrie homestead
house belonging to Beany at the time and offered to
care for Beany. The care was inadequate and Beany
was sent back to the hospital. In return for caring
for Beany, the ranch was deeded to Guy and Iola.
Much to the Guthrie family's regret, Guy and Iola
sold the homestead and it was forever out of reach
of the rest of the family.

skilled horseman, riding in races at county fairs and at racetracks in this area. Later in his life, he was involved with training horses.

"Survivors include his wife, Ellen Guthrie of Oceano; several nieces and nephews.

"Contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

"Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday and 8 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Myers Chapel."

- " Delete all asterisked data typed under Helen Elizabeth GUTHRIE's Notes. It is now incorporated in the addenda to Guy Earnest GUTHRIE's Notes above, and I hope much easier to decipher.

p318- 2nd paragraph beg "1877": Delete entire line.

p346- 1st paragraph, 1st line: chg "1977" to "1976"

p347- 1st paragraph, 1st line: chg "1978" to "1977"

" " , 7th line: Believe 28 Aug 1877 birthdate is either typo error or lack of research on part of reporter, because Virgile confirmed for me that his records show 27 Aug 1877 as correct birthdate.

p402- 2nd line: delete (father's name unknown) and add "A.G. JAMESON, b abt 1803, KY"

p411- 3rd line, 2nd word: chg to "Rachael"

" " , after "(b 1891)" add "1909"

4th line: delete "1976/1977" - insert "14 Dec 1976"
add 5th line: "bur 17 Dec 1976, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA"

p412- 3rd paragraph, 1909, 3rd word: chg to "Rachael" and pls make this chg in succeeding pages.

- " 1912, delete data re William LeRoy JAMESON and LeRay/Leza: insert the following more accurate and complete data received from Leza after publication of the book:

"William Leroy "Foke" JAMESON b 7 Apr 1912
Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA;

m 1) Virginia "Chub" MUSTARD (div)

m 2) Ruth Farr MOCKBEE Dec 1946, Reno, Washoe Co, NV; Ruth b 9 Sep 1912, Mountain View, Santa Clara Co, CA;

Ruth had a son, Alec Anton, Jr, by a previous marriage. He was raised by Foke.

dau Lee Rae (Leza) JAMESON b 15 Jun 1949

Willits, Mendocino Co, CA

Foke remained married to Ruth, to the benefit

2) "Bernard MATZEN (U.S. Coast Guard

p453- line 7, after SEEVERS: add:

- 1) Gary Justin SMITH (U.S. Air Force)
- 2) Kimberly (WALKER) SMITH (U.S. Marines, Okinawa)
- 3) Micah Wesley SMITH (U.S. Marines, Okinawa)

p467- Index, 2nd name, JENKINS, Gladys: chg fm "69" to "60"

p471- Index, 3rd name: chg to "SALOMONSON"

In addition to the above errors, let it be known that I am aware of the many places where I have omitted a single parentheses or quotation mark, or otherwise committed careless grammatical 'goofs,' but in the interest of brevity have not included them in the above corrections. Mea Culpa!

of Leza, until Leza left home.

(See below for Leza's history)

- m 3) Ruth Griesback, who had a son, John, and a daughter, Chris, by her first marriage. Poke raised John Griesback.

Leza JAMESON m 1) Michael Charles SMITH May 1965
in Willits, Mendocino Co, CA; Michael b 21 Apr
1946, Mare Island, Solano Co, CA

(marriage annulled in 1967)

son Micah Wesley SMITH b 15 Oct 1965,
Willits, Mendocino Co, CA - Micah was
adopted & raised by his grandparents,
Ralph & Jane Smith.

- m Kimberly WALKER 22 Apr 1986, Okinawa,
Japan. Kimberly b 22 Dec 1964, Santa
Ana, Orange Co, CA (div Sep 1990)
dau Tara Lee SMITH b 15 Oct 1986
Okinawa, Japan;
son Justin Wesley SMITH b 31 Oct
1989, Ft Bragg, NC;

Leza m 2) Dan FINNEY (marriage terminated)

- m 3) Mark Damien ESPEJO 1 Sep 1981
Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co, NM;
Mark b Aug 1960, Los Angeles, Los
Angeles Co, CA;

dau Megan Marie ESPEJO b 3 Sep
1982, Willits, Mendocino Co, CA

(Megan listed as Megan ESPEJO-SMITH)
(marriage dissolved 1982)

- m 4) Gary Justin SMITH 15 Sep 1985, Ft Bragg,
Mendocino Co, CA; Gary b 13 Apr 1948
Ft Bragg, Mendocino Co, CA

dau Brandilyn "Brandi" Marie SMITH
b 25 Feb 1968, Willits,
Mendocino Co, CA. Brandi was
awarded by the court to Dan
Finney's parents and lived
with them until 16 years of
age when she found and lived
with Leza;

son Stony Justin SMITH, b 8 Apr
1986, Ft Bragg, Mendocino Co,
CA.

(divorced Nov 1990)

p426- line 5: delete "Garberville" insert "Islands"

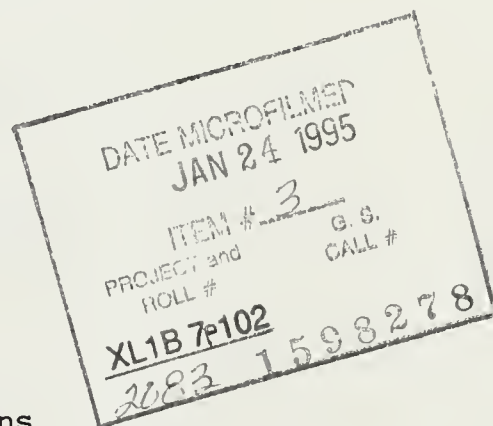
p451- under LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL, 12th line,
2nd word: chg to "SALOMONSON"

p452- 2nd line fm bottom: add:

- 1) "William Leroy JAMESON (U.S. Air Force)

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Andrew Howell Box

who instilled in all of us
a spirit of adventure,
a love of family
and
a great appreciation of nature.

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forebearance while I compiled this family history.

PREFACE

Just imagine...

- ...if one great-grandfather left Missouri in 1849 and came across country by wagon train to California, keeping a daily journal... which journal has been handed down through generations to the present day -
- ...if the other great-grandfather and his wife left Texas in 1851 with eight children under the age of fourteen, crossed all of Mexico to Mazatlan on foot, then sailed up the Pacific in a barque to San Francisco and settled in Glen Ellen, Sonoma County, CA.... and the diary of this trip came into your hands -
- ...if your paternal grandfather shot and killed his sister's husband at Glen Ellen in 1872 and you have versions of the story from both families - and the official version -
- ...if your father came home from World War I in France, went to Alaska from California almost immediately, and shortly thereafter to Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, South America for J P Morgan on a gold mining expedition, returned to California to marry and left that night for Alaska again (!) -
- ...if you had an uncle, two aunts and a father who loved nothing more than to talk about their childhood experiences, the foibles, follies and triumphs of their ancestors -
- ...if you had a second cousin who had written several books on the family in her local Tulare County area and expressed immense interest and willingness to share information for a comprehensive family history -
- ...if you had two aunts who had gathered family treasures, clippings, photos, announcements, etc. in numerous scrapbooks dating from 1911 to the mid 1970's -
- ...if you had a brother willing to reproduce any photographs available to use in the book -
- ...wouldn't you be tempted to compile a family history?

I was!

INTRODUCTION

This is a very personal family history: more a compilation of information and materials collected over many years by many people in the Box and related families than it is a formal history of the family. I have chosen to use personal letters, the remarkable collection of postcards, clippings from many sources, the two diaries, reports from family members who remember with astonishing accuracy many events and family anecdotes...all this in the hope it will convey a sense of personal communication with each family member rather than a broad narrative coverage. I think most of you will agree that some of the personal expressions and first-person reports are much more colorful, humorous and representative of the individuals than any second-person observations could possibly be.

The inclusion of many photographs so generously lent or contributed by many members of the family, and so professionally copied by my brother, Allen Box, will further help the reader to gain a sense of familiarity with many an ancestor who was previously a complete stranger on the family tree. The Russian custom of placing a photograph or likeness of the departed family member on the tombstone has unfortunately never been adopted in the United States, and most family histories use photographs very sparingly. I decided that it would be of much greater interest to add faces - and sometimes interesting costumes and backgrounds - to the names on the family tree.

Another reason for adopting the personal rather than the academic historical or strict genealogical approach is that as I have done research in many libraries, historical societies, courthouses and private collections, I fervently wished for just such a compilation as I have attempted here. Obviously, it will serve more as a sourcebook for future generations rather than a lengthy narrative.

Those interested in intrigue, scandals and family gossip will be disappointed, as will those interested in profound scholarship. My purpose was to communicate, particularly to the younger generations, what a rich and varied background characterizes our family heritage: ethnic, racial and cultural diversity abounds, as does a variety of religious experience.

As some of you will recognize, I have used the LDS (Mormon) Personal Ancestry File (PAF) computer program, in combination with my Microsoft Word word processor. Much of the book consists of print-outs from the PAF program, and I

should like to suggest how readers might make the best use of the material.

There are two principal family lines I have followed: 1) Reuben Franklin Box; and 2) Elijah Preston Howell, my two great-grandfathers. For obvious reasons, I had more material on them than on anyone else. The Notes section is therefore divided into these two branches, the first, beginning with the Descendancy Chart for Reuben Franklin Box and a little information on the California family of his sister, Frances F (Box) Caldwell; the second, with the Descendancy Chart for Elijah Preston Howell. The charts include everyone, with succeeding generation numbers, full name and birth date. I have left all PAF Identification numbers intact, so just ignore them for the present. (More later) Following the Descendancy Chart for each are the Notes on each individual for whom I had sufficient information to include. Along with letters, clippings, pictures, etc, this is where you will find the diary of the Argonaut, Elijah Preston Howell, and that of a companion of the adventurous and courageous Reuben Franklin Box.

Several samples of the kind of genealogical charts the PAF program can produce are included toward the end of the book. If you would like to have one or more of the charts tailored personally for yourself or your favorite grandchild, please send me the name of the person and the Identification number just to the right of the name on the Descendancy Chart, and I will be glad to send you a copy. Also, if you want a copy of one or two of the Individual Data pages on one or two people, I will also be glad to print it out and send to you. The number of books I could afford to print was limited, but since it is not copyrighted, please feel free to copy any or all portions for other interested family members. The more widely disseminated the information the better; in fact, use of the material is invited.

If you find errors, omissions or inaccuracies of any kind, please do not hesitate to let me know so I can make the changes/additions/corrections to my master copy for future reference and guidance. Because of the use of so many primary sources, I have tried to keep errors to a minimum, but in a work this size, it would be impossible not to slip up here and there. I sent out requests with our holiday greetings to over 75 members of the family to send me any and all up-to-date information as early in 1991 as possible, but have received less than 5 responses, so information on some families will be limited. That information would still be welcome after the publication of the book because I am interested in keeping a current and continuing history of the Box/Howell and related families. It has been a lifelong pleasure for me to pursue informally the history of this family, and I am sure it will continue for the remainder of my life. There is so much more to know, and like most

learning situations in life, the more you know the more you realize there is to know. This book is certainly testimony to that!...and I am sure it raises more questions than it answers for most of you as it did for me.

The only regret I have is that I didn't have more time to follow through on some of the family information. As you will discover, some of the information is very sketchy and suffers from lack of deep research, lack of replies to a large number of letters, and lack of sustained periods of time in places like Tulare, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, California to search out the documents I know are there...someplace. It was frustrating last year (1990) to have only one hour at the National Archives in Washington, DC; less than an hour in Charleston, S.C (R F Box); two hours in Montgomery, AL (Lucy Parker Box); two hours in Ravenna, Estill Co, KY (Margaret Jane Moreland Howell); and less than two hours in Independence, Grayson Co, VA (Elijah Preston Howell)....when I KNOW there is so much more there to find.

However, I believe there is enough here to give an exciting and stimulating profile of the families of Reuben Franklin Box and Elijah Preston Howell and a few of the related families into which their descendants married. We can now lay claim to one great-great-great-grandfather who was a Revolutionary War soldier; and one in-law ancestor who was born on the Mayflower in 1620! Not too bad...

There are some side-splitting moments - particularly in my Uncle Reuben Preston Box's Notes...and on other pages, notably Samuel Powell Box and Bernard Matzen, some poignant and deeply touching passages.

My sincere hope is that you will find it as fascinating, humorous and delightful to read as the experience I had in compiling it these past few years.

GLOSSARY

Abbreviations: b.....born d.....died
 m.....married bur....burial
 sp.....spouse bef....before
 div....divorced aft....after
 dau....daughter nr.....near
 "... "Missing section of a quote.

In the interest of saving space in such a lengthy book:

1) The use of periods in abbreviations is eliminated except in direct quotes;

2) The standard State abbreviations are used as much as possible, even at times in old documents;

3) Letters are usually found in the Notes of the writer; occasionally in those of the addressee, and rarely cross-referenced;

4) Notes with regard to spouse or children are often included with those of the Box or Howell direct-line descendant. I have much material on some of the other family members, but my name is not Bancroft and the spector of multiple volumes began to loom early in the year and resulted in brutal editing;

5) Women are indexed and often referred to by maiden name only - an old genealogical custom! - and when married name is used, the maiden name is usually in parentheses... but rememeber, "Consistency" is not my middle name;

6) Only family-connected names are indexed because it would have taken another volume to index names of friends, columnists, colleagues, lodge brothers, employers, employees, etc.,so I just didn't do it.

WHERE AND WHEN

RESIDENCE AND PROPERTY RECORDS

The following information is arranged alphabetically by state, and chronologically within each state. Except for the detailed property transactions with regard to the Box Ranch in Glen Ellen, Sonoma County, CA, very generously provided by Margaret Wiltshire of Kenwood, many more details about the "where and when" will be found in the individual Notes for each person mentioned.

ALABAMA

Reuben Franklin BOX's wife, Lucy Elizabeth PARKER, was born in Alabama, as established in Census records where she gives her birthplace. However, despite several hours spent in the Alabama State Archives in Montgomery, Alabama in 1990, and many letters to Court Houses and Historical Societies, no further information has emerged. Fire and destruction during the Civil War accounts for the lack of records in the southern states, creating a barrier that is difficult to penetrate. I received one will of a Samuel Parker, the name of her father, but obviously was not her father.

ARKANSAS

Washington Co & Cherokee Nation

From Apr 1832 to May 1834 Elijah Preston HOWELL lived in Washington Co and the Cherokee Nation.

Ouachita Co

See Reuben Franklin BOX Notes for his alleged move to Ouachita County, Arkansas after leaving Chickasaw County, Mississippi sometime after 1842. I was informed the Courthouse burned in 1858 and there are no records prior to that date.

CALIFORNIA

Napa Co

1851-1852

Immediately following their arrival in San Francisco in September 1851, the Box family took a boat to either Napa or Yountville. According to many members of the family, they

lived there for six months before moving to Glen Ellen. Their youngest son, Elijah, born 1849 in Texas, reportedly died and is buried in Yountville. According to J X Wilson of Santa Rosa, a descendant of Reuben Franklin Box, credence is lent to the Yountville location because George Yount was reported to have been a friend of Box's in Texas. I also remember hearing my father speak of both Yount (of Yountville) and Guerne (of Guerneville) as friends of the Glen Ellen Box family.

Sonoma Co

1852 - Present

The Reuben Franklin BOX family settled in Sonoma County in 1852, after living in either Yountville or Napa for a short time after their arrival from Texas. By arriving at this time, they were pioneers of the area, as the following brief historical notes indicate. Some descendants still live in Sonoma, Santa Rosa, and Glen Ellen.

From the HISTORIC SONOMA COUNTY 1991 CALENDAR, purchased at Vasquez House in Sonoma 18 January 1991: "In 1822, Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo was named Commandante General of Northern California which included many missions and pueblos. Vallejo's assignment was to explore the north country and select possible sites for settlement. "By the end of 1834, three areas had been settled. Initially settled was the land of the Petalumas by ten Mexican families, next an area called Santa Rosa and finally the town of Sonoma. In 1850, Sonoma was the first town to be incorporated, then Petaluma in 1858 and ten years later Santa Rosa." (This from Frontspiece of Calendar)

Opposite June calendar: "Sometime around 1829, a few years after the dedication of Sonoma Mission, an Indian girl was baptized in a creek named for Saint Rose, The creek became known as Santa Rosa Creek and the town built around the creek became Santa Rosa. Seventy years later, in 1900, this church was dedicated under the patronage of Saint Rose and was the first stone building in Santa Rosa. A steeple on a stone base, part of the original construction, is now gone. The stone came from the local McDonald quarry. The church is today a focal point of the Saint Rose Neighborhood and the annual Saint Rose Festival."

California was admitted to the United States in 1850. Sonoma County at this time included a vast territory west of the Sacramento River and North to the Oregon line. In the first session of the California Legislature, the state was divided into counties. The north line of Sonoma County ran along the 40th parallel of latitude inland to the summit of Mayacamas Range, thence southerly to San Pablo Bay.

Later, when Napa County was formed and Mendocino County set apart, Sonoma County was drawn to its present boundaries: South to Marin County; West to the Pacific Ocean; North to Mendocino Co; East to Lake & Napa Counties. The original County Seat was Sonoma, but was moved to Santa Rosa in 1854 by the Legislature.

Seven governments have claimed title to this area: Spain, England, France, Mexico, Bear Flag Republic, Russia and the US.

The Guillicos Valley was the precise location in Sonoma County where the Box family settled, and I found an historical note about this area in the book, HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF SONOMA CO, CA, (1877) pp 5-6:

"The Guillicos (sic) Valley is in fact the upper part of Sonoma Valley proper. It is one of the most beautiful places in California. It was originally granted to the wife of Don Juan WILSON, a famous sea captain on this coast under the Mexican regime. He married into one of the native California families and though an Englishman by birth, became a Mexican citizen and was granted the Guillicos Valley. In 1850 it was purchased by William HOOD, who subdivided and sold the greater part about ten years ago. He however retains his beautiful homestead at the foot of the Guillicos mountain, one of the most picturesque, as well as one of the most valuable farms in California."

1854

Los Guillicos Tract, 18,834 acres, recorded as an extension to the Beltane Ranch. (DF)

1859

Los Guillicos Tract shown in Dallyce Sand's Kenwood book. (DF)

1866

Following are some historical notes and land record notes with regard to the "Old Box Ranch," Glen Ellen, Sonoma County, CA, as well as the properties of some of the other Reuben Franklin Box descendants. Although I have concentrated on details of the "Box Ranch" property, from whence all families sprang, it should be stated here that the families into which three of the Box girls married, the Johnsons, Whites and Zanes, also lived in the Los Guillicos/Glen Ellen/Kenwood/Sonoma/Santa Rosa area, and many of their descendants still live there. Their contributions to the various communities are detailed in the Notes for each individual in the next section of the book.

Many people have contributed information for this section, and rather than write out each source, identification will be by initials at the end of the segment:

DF - Dick Foorman, Sonoma
 BP - Bob Parmalee, Sonoma
 MW - Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood
 LP - Louis Pagani, Glen Ellen and present owner.

Introductory remarks excerpted from THE USES OF WOOD IN SONOMA VALLEY - THE PAGANI FARM HOUSE, sent to me by Dick Foorman of the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation. These are notes in a three-ring binder used to explain the historical background of the Kenwood Exhibit at Vasquez House, Sonoma, and are available for research at the Vasquez House Library.

"While we do not know all the family members who came to live on the Glen Ellen property, it is assumed that the home was built for Mrs Lucy Box.

"The wood-frame Greek Revival farm house, still well-maintained, is the only example of this style in the Glen Ellen-Kenwood area. It was built in the early 1870's on what was later called the Wildwood Dairy and Vineyards property. Part of the property was owned by Sam Box.

"An article in the Sonoma Index-Tribune reported on December 30, 1893, 'Mrs Box, one of the earliest settlers of Los Guillicos Valley, is lying dangerously ill at her home in this town (Kenwood).'

"By 1897, Robert Hodges owned the Box ranch. Other owners of the property included Messrs. L. E. Rathbone and Macauley. In 1919, Felice Pagani purchased this property.The Pagani family continue to own and live on this land to the present day with the vineyards being maintained by Louis and Olive Pagani." (DF)

1866

Los Guillicos Tract recorded (DF)

23 Jul 1866, from Deed Book 19, p413: Lucy BOX purchased from William HOOD for \$525 104.97 Acres NE of Mrs Box's residence in Sec 4 & 5, TWP 6N Range 6W. This is parcel listed in 1877 Atlas which shows on the map of the Los Guillicos Rancho the BOX property shown as 105 Acres belonging to Lucy BOX. (MW 1/19/90)

1868

Exact quote from Sand's book, p65: "When Hood's land was first divided in 1868, the largest piece of 7,343 acres was bought by Decker & Jewett, ranchers and investors, who later sold large parcels to MacCartney, Gianella, Box, Shaw,

Felton and Sonoma County Land & Improvement Company for future subdivision around 1887-1905."

1870

Louis and Olive Pagani believe the house was built around this time. (LP)

Roger Zane, descendant of Mildred Adaline Box Zane, said he had heard the original house burned three years after it was built, and that it was rebuilt in the exact same location and style. No documentation of this as of now.

1871

Sand's book, p 15: "Decker & Jewett started selling portions of their 7,343 acres in 1871 to Gianella (2,680 acres), to J P Hamilton (83.78 acres) in 1873, to the BOX family in 1873, to James Shaw in 1875, to Charles N Felton (808 acres) in January 1877, to Drummond and Shaw in 1884. Ten years later, June 30, 1887, a large parcel was sold to the Sonoma County Land and Improvement Company for \$75,000 U S gold coin and became the new township of Los Guillicos." (MW 1/19/90)

From Abstract of Title Book of Helmke family: "Sold to Decker & Jewett from the Hood ranch. Decker & Jewett sold 2680 acres to L & G Gianella in December 1871. L & G Gianella sold to D M Carman and C S Bareford who formed and incorporated the Kenwood Land Company in May 1892. (BP 11/21/89)

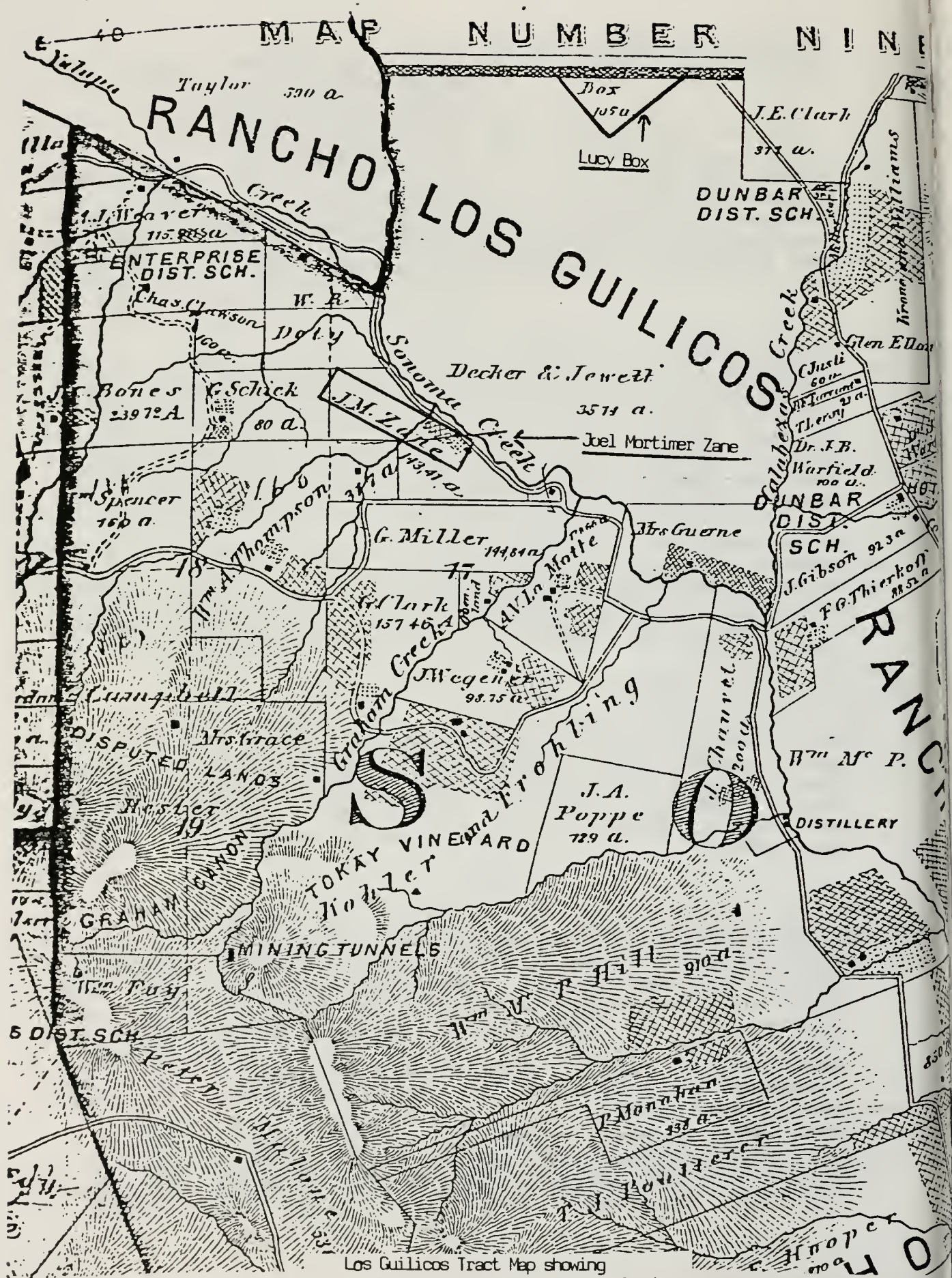
1872

Deed Book 38, p.383, listing for S.P.BOX, grantor Geo. Hood, Apr 9, 1872, bought for \$150.50 a parcel of 6/10 acre in Santa Rosa, S side of 2nd St intersect with West line of Geo Hood's property, back to Santa Rosa Creek. Margaret Wiltshire believes this would be about between E St & F St now. (MW)

1873

Sonoma Democrat (Supplement) 15 Feb 1873: "Delinquent Taxes of the County of Sonoma, Fiscal year ending 1st Monday in March A.D. 1873. (about half way down the page, 2nd page)'Sonoma Township - BOX, Samuel P., 160 acres land bounded north by West, east by Andem, south by Campbell, west by Wyble, value \$200, imp \$25, tax \$9.90 (or \$2.90?) percentage & costs 65 cents." (Seen on microfilm of above newspaper 26 Oct 1982 at Burbank Library, courtesy InterLibrary Loan)

"Deed Index Books 4 & 5 show Apr 4 1873, Liber 55, p. 196, Decker & Jewett sold 9.68 Acres to the four BOX brothers; Sam Powell, Wm Josiah, James Allen & Reuben Franklin (Jr),



Los Guillicos Tract Map showing
Lucy Box and Joel Mortimer Zane land
Sonoma County, CA

this along the westerly line of Mrs BOX land to SW corner of same.....These 9.68 Acres added to Lucy's 104.97 acres comprise the 114.65 total used in the next ownerships of this parcel. However, it remained a separate holding long enough for Wm J BOX & R F BOX of Tulare Co to give up their interest March 6 1877 to Sam P & James A for \$100, Liber 60, p 57" (MW 2/8/90)

1877

Atlas shows 105 Acres of Los Guillicos Tract owned by Lucy BOX, Glen Ellen P. O.; Directory of Sonoma Township entry: "Lucy BOX, former native of ALA, to CA 1851, Sonoma Co 1852, Glen Ellen P O gives her *115 Acres." Next entry: "Samuel P BOX, farmer, native of MISS, to CA 1851, Sonoma Co 1852, with 9 acres." (MW 1/19/90) (*Should be 105 Acres)

Joel Mortimer ZANE (Sr) (who married Mildred Adaline BOX, daughter of Reuben Franklin BOX) had 82.25 Acres near Glen Ellen along Warm Springs Rd, adjacent to road leading to Sonoma Mountain, tho' 1877 map shows he had 143.41 Acres." (NOTE: In the interest of clarity and keeping explanations to a minimum, all of the Zane transactions follow, even though out of chronological order)

1907 - re Joel ZANE property near Glen Ellen: "On the "breadboard" map, 6-6 book, it shows Joel sold to M. A. (Mildred Adaline BOX ZANE) on 4/29/1907 the 82.25 acres."

1913 - Then on 11/2/13 this was subdivided from her estate into 5 lots for the 5 children:
 George S got Lot 1, 17.23 acres;
 Elmer (Elmes?) C. got Lot 2, 18.51 acres;
 Lucy R got Lot 3, 17.32 acres;
 Joel M got Lot 4, 18.95 acres;
 W A got Lot 5, amount not noted, but later shows Willis A had 19.4 acres

In Bk 9B it shows Minnie Gertrude ZANE buying from W A - I guess this was his wife, you show as Minnie Thompson.

1924 - Also, Lot 1 of George was sold to Grace A Keeley by 12/22/24. As Margaret Wiltshire notes in her letter, this adds up to more than the original 82.25 acres....actually 91.41 acres, but as she says, "Oh, well..." ...and I heartily agree! (MW 2/8/90)

1879

"Liber 71, p 553, Dec 16, 1879, Lucy BOX, party of 1st part, and Samuel P & James A BOX, 2nd part, 'for & in consideration of support for life of Lucy BOX and one dollar to her in hand paid, bounded on N by Decker & Jewett lands, E by James Shaw, S by lands of Decker & Jewett, and W by

Decker & Jewett, known as 'BOX' place, situated in the Los Guillicos Valley on road leading from Santa Rosa to Sonoma, same as land conveyed by Wm Hood to Lucy & on which Lucy now resides....keep, maintain & support Lucy for & during her natural life. (...and they did!) 12/16/79.'"(MW 2/8/90)

1888

Santa Rosa Daily Republican of Jan 3 1888: "James Shaw and others are circulating a petition for the construction of the county road near the farm of James A BOX, around the track of the Santa Rosa & Carquines Railroad, thereby avoiding the crossing of the track at two places which is very dangerous."

Margaret Wiltshire said in one of her letters recently that she had asked what ever happened to James Shaw, as he's not listed in the 1900 Census on the Shaw property, though his wife is, daughter, her uncle, and baby Edith. She told me he "lost greatly when phylloxera damaged grape crops in the area. He went to Mexico, perhaps to recoup his finances, and was never heard from again. Sad."

Another comment with regard to James Shaw was in one of Elmes Zane's letters from Alaska, 13 Mar 1899: "Sorry to hear of Jim Shaw's bad luck."

1890

Deed Bk 8, 1888-1891 Grantee Box, S P, grantor McAlister, Geo & wife, Dec 23, 1890, Bk 129/507. No further details on this, but entered as part of the records, and can be checked in the future. (MW 1/23/91)

1891

James Allen Box sold the 114.65 acres owned by Lucy Box to Robert Hodge. See James Allen Box Notes for excerpts from the full text of the deed. Family letters around this time refer to the "cottage" James Allen had built for Lucy in Kenwood and the fact that she had moved into it in early 1891. Her granddaughter Lucy White was going to live with her. Since she died only two years later, it is conceivable that she was no longer able to live alone on the ranch.

1897

(NOTE: WHITE property - Elizabeth BOX WHITE - 'A piece of property in Kenwood, lots 19 & 20 in Block 13 (see map in Dee Sand's book, p 16) was acquired from A Frederikson for Lucy K and Mary E WHITE 4/27/1897, then I think Lucy bought out from Mary E 9/10/1902. After Lucy died it went to Amy WHITE BAINBRIDGE 10/1/1906. In one place I saw that Amy had 1/3, Mary WHITE LEWIS had 1/3, & I've written A. W. Nelson for the other 1/3, but maybe meant Allie WHITE WILSON. Amy WHITE BAINBRIDGE et al sold 2/27/1919 to Mary ("May") WHITE

LEWIS. A Frederikson & wife filed quit claim 12/14/1920. Mary WHITE LEWIS sold to Charlotte Kenworthy 12/23/1920 and it was sold to Henrietta Sittenfeld 11/15/1922." (MW 2/8/90)

1900

"Per 'breadboard' maps circa 1900: Robert Hodge inked in, 111 Acres. In pencil Hodge crossed off, F Pagani written in. In faint lettering "BOX" can be seen." By this time the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad came through, in 1888, and the difference in acreage would be land sold to the R.R. (Copy more of this from Wiltshire letter 2/8/1990) (MW 2/8/90)

1901

"One other property of Lucy BOX: She owned Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 4, evidently in Kenwood, as shown in Kenwood book near breadboards, her estate selling to Genevieve Francard on 10/28/1906. (See map in Dee's book where I've marked this property, the 1877 map revised showing house on it. I do not know the date of this revised map, but it was after being renamed Kenwood, not Los Guilicos, or the later South Los Guilicos.)" (MW 2/8/90)

1907

"Robert Hodge sold to Elizabeth G Hodge, his wife, 4/8/1907, noted then as the whole 114.65 acres. Then on 11/20/1912 the whole was sold to the group of H C Macauley, Leland S Rathbone, Albert J Rathbone and Leland D Rathbone. (These sales are shown in books located right by the breadboard maps, shown as Bk 6-6A (for TWN 6N Range 6W), and a companion book labelled "Kenwood.") First Bk 9, now Bk 9B Rathbones and Macauley sold to the Wildwood Dairy Co on 6/2/1914 the 114.65 acres." (MW 2/8/90)

Two other notes were added to the information on the Rathbones by Margaret Wiltshire:

1) Leland S. continued dairy farming, moving to just northwest of Sonoma Creek at Highway 12 when he married Mildred Thompson, her father having built the house in 1906. We took milk from him when we'd be at our summer cabin...Sometimes we'd ride in his truck on up the canyon making other deliveries. I helped pick prunes at his ranch one time, and we had home-made ice cream afterwards. I saw a fine letter written by Mildred Rathbone to Dee Sand, telling about her early recollections; (from same 2/8/90 letter as above)

2) ...and on Sat 8 Jun 1991"...Today I attended the memorial service at our church for Rolfe C Rathbone, whose father, the minister & 2 brothers bought your Box property from Robert Hodge in 1912. I met John (Jack) Rathbone, who was born in the house in 1916, son of Albert Rathbone....Many of the family there..." (MW)

1914

First Bk 9, now Bk 9B - Rathbones and Macauley sold the entire 114.65 acres to the Wildwood Dairy Co on 6/2/1914.
(MW 2/8/90)

1920

The 144.65 acres were next sold to Felice Pagani 8/18/1920.
(MW 2/8/90)

NOTE: My brother, Allen, and I visited Olive and Louis Pagani in May 1982. They were very gracious and hospitable, invited us into the house and allowed us to take pictures of the house and property. It is a lovely home in a beautiful setting, so much so that Margaret Wiltshire tells me she often sees artists sitting in front of it sketching or painting.

1921

Then "Mrs Lucy Box (tho' deceased) et al decree on 3/28/21." Books and pages are given where these can be checked, but didn't take time to see them. (MW 2/8/90)

1922

A strip was given to the Highway, .003 acre 1/14/1922 and 3.26 acres to Giovanni Gianelli on 4/29/1922. (MW 2/8/90)

The Box plot in the Valley Cemetery on MacArthur Avenue in Sonoma, Sonoma County, CA has been well maintained over the years through the help of Almira "Allie" WHITE WILSON and Ora Frances BOX MATZEN, and is in very good condition (Jan 1991) The tombstones are arranged as follows:

Mother
May E Lewis
1876-1970

Auntie Catherine White
1845-1919

R F Box
Native of S.C.
b. 12/8/1808
d. 7/7/1854

Father Charlie White
1829-1918

Lucy Box
12/13/1817
12/29/1893

Mother Elizabeth White
1844-1904

J A Box
Uncle

Sister Lucy
1870-1905

Father

Brother Frank

Samuel Powell Box
1839 - 1917

1863-1929

Mary F Johnson
1837-1924
and (same stone)
Dora Cole
1858-1936

Santa Clara Co

1851

Elijah Preston HOWELL and Margaret Jane MORELAND DAVIS were married 18 Dec 1851 in Santa Clara Co, CA by Rev Jacob GRUELL. On Thurs 17 Jan 1991, my brother Allen, Beryl BOX ORNER and I went to the Santa Clara Co Courthouse in San Jose to see what we could find in their records about the Howells or the Morelands. We found one property record (see 1867 below); one death certificate for Elizabeth HOWELL ROBERTS, Elijah's daughter who married a Reverend Roberts and lived in San Jose; and by a surprising stroke of good luck, through meeting Colleen PEYTON, I was allowed to copy the original marriage certificate for the above 1851 marriage of my great-grandparents. Family letters refer to Willie HOWELL, Elijah's son, living in San Jose also, but nothing further.

1861

Margaret Jane's father, Zechariah MORELAND, died in Santa Clara County, in January 1861, but there was no death certificate for him at the Court House, nor any information as to where the family lived.

1867

Francis Marion MORELAND, younger brother of Margaret Jane MORELAND HOWELL, sold 130 acres of land in Santa Clara County to his brother Henry C MORELAND. I have a copy of the Indenture, which includes a detailed description of the property.

Solano Co

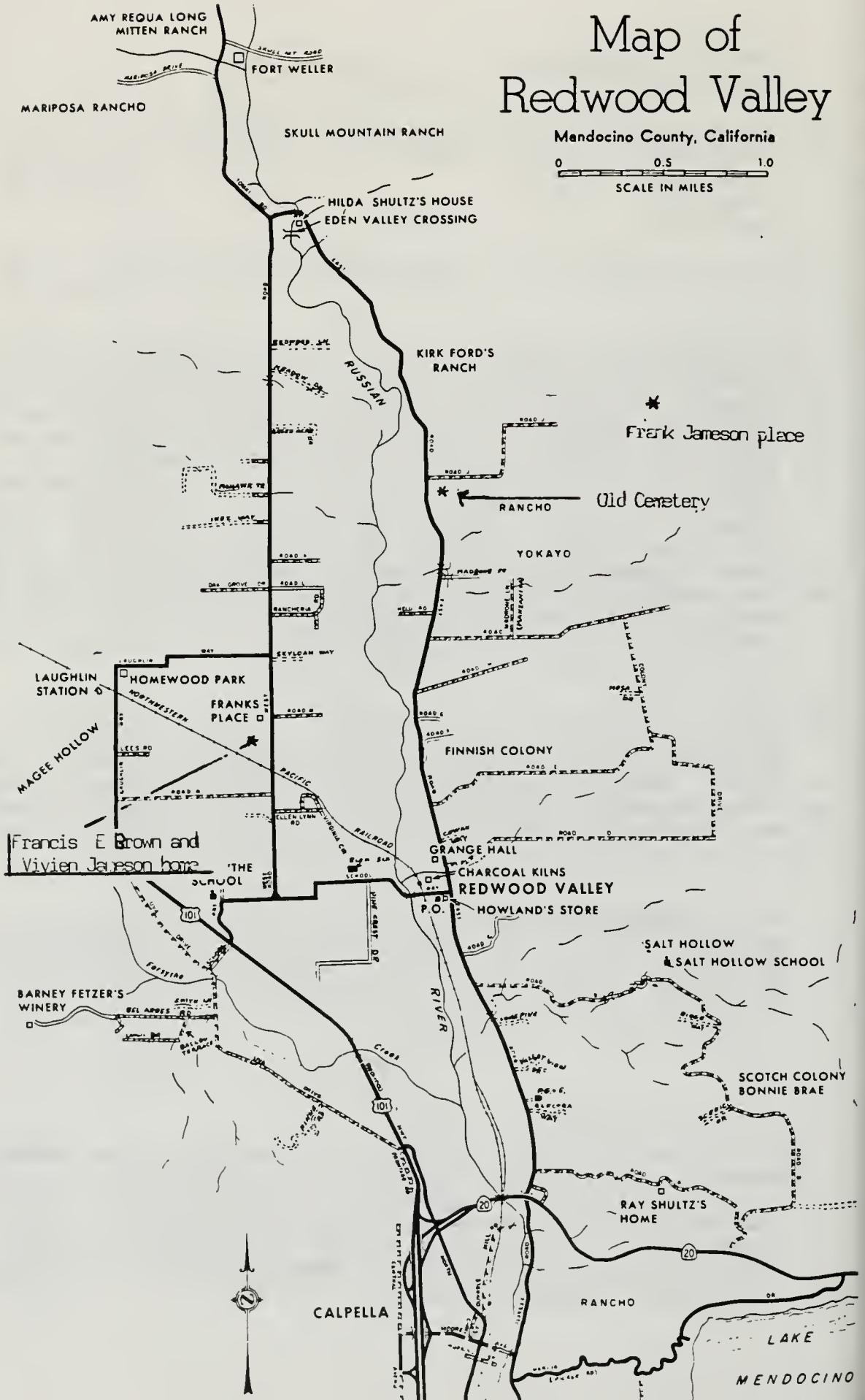
1852 - 1875

All nine of Elijah Preston and Margaret Jane MORELAND HOWELL's children were evidently born in Solano Co, probably in Benicia. However, the Solano County Recorder's Office in the Old Court House does not have records prior to 1905 and referred me to the Solano County Genealogical Society for information prior to that date. With regard to his residence in the area, the SCSG advised:

Map of Redwood Valley

Mendocino County, California

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SCALE IN MILES



- 1) Solano County Directories 1871-72 -
Howell, E P, Farmer, Benicia;
- 2) Solano County Great Register (voter lists)
Howell, Elijah Preston, 62,. Farmer, Native,
Suisun Rd.

I found the following entries at the Held-Poage Library of the Mendocino County Historical Society:

McKenny's 8-County Director for 1884-5 lists:

- 1) Howell, Miss Mary, Waitress, People's Hotel
- 2) Howell P, farmer, 556 acres

Mendocino Co

1875 - Present

1875 - The Elijah Preston HOWELL family moved to Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co 23 Aug 1875, per information in E P HOWELL's diary, CROSSING THE PLAINS. He said he moved with the family from Benicia Township, Solano Co, CA to Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA at the age of 72, too blind to read or write. His daughter Betty (Elizabeth) was with him. He had written the pages of the diary previous to 17 Aug 1849 in Benecia. All of the children evidently moved to Redwood Valley with them, and the younger ones were raised there. They had a farm in the foothills, not too far from the Old Cemetery where the Howell family plot is still well maintained.

1922 - Nancy Howell's obituary: "E P Howell & family lived on the old Mike Thomas place which her parents purchased." Nancy HOWELL, daughter of Elijah, married William Franklin JAMESON, the beginning of the Jameson/Howell/Box connection.

1989 - per Tom JAMESON the original E P Howell ranch house in Redwood Valley was moved, then burned. This was probably the fire that burned the original diary. He referred to it as the "Hawkeye Ranch."

1991 - Francis BROWN, Vivien JAMESON's son, wrote to me in April 1991: "Other notes that are cryptic now, but probably clear enough when I wrote them are that: Elijah Howell lived at the old Muir place in Redwood Valley; if memory serves correctly, this is in the northeastern part of the valley.

The JAMESON family has lived in the area ever since, and still lives right in Redwood Valley today. Tom's daughter, Nancy JAMESON LAPIC, hopes to keep the ranch intact for her children.

Mary HOWELL married Alpheus "Allie" WATSON, and their daughter, Emma WATSON, married Emil WESELSKY. Most of the WESELSKY family have remained in Mendocino County. Donald WESELSKY, the youngest and last remaining son of Emma and

Emil, commutes between homes in Ukiah and Fort Bragg. His niece, Dora Mae WESELSKY ESHLEMAN, born and raised in Ukiah, lives in Calpella, a small town adjacent to Ukiah. His nephew, Bruce, son of his brother Alpheus Lenard "Len" WESELSKY, still lives in his father's family home in Ukiah.

Mendocino State Hospital in Talmage, just outside Ukiah, is where a few members of the family either spent some time or died, including my grandmother, Elma Jane HOWELL BOX, who lived there for four years prior to her death in 1918.

The Old Cemetery in Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, just outside the small town of Redwood Valley has a HOWELL plot with the following graves:

HOWELL		Mary Howell
Elijah	Margaret	Watson
1803-1879	1830-1884	1856-1915
MOTHER		
Elma Jane Box		
1864-1918		
NANCY JAMESON		W. F. Jameson
1852-1922		1837-1921
Asleep in Jesus		At Rest

The Cemetery is quite well maintained, and thanks to the work and devotion of William Franklin JAMESON and Tom JAMESON, the occasional vandalism it has suffered has been repaired and new stones erected. I have pictures of each of the above gravestones to testify to the good condition they are in now.

Tulare Co

1872 - Present

After Sam BOX shot and killed her husband, Washington GUTHRIE, (See Samuel Powell BOX Notes for full story) Sarah Jane BOX GUTHRIE left Sonoma County with her five young children and moved to Tulare County near the White River area, formerly called "Tailholt" where there had been a booming gold rush. (See Sarah Jane BOX Notes for details)

"Tulare, ...The mexican word for 'cattail' or 'bulrush,' and for places where the tule grows, are found in marshy sections of the state, especially in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Los Tulares in this district were mentioned in 1773; Tularenos, the collective name for the Indians of the valley, appears after 1800; Tulare Lake and River since the early 1840's. Tulare County was named in 1852."

From CALIFORNIA PLACE NAMES, THE ORIGIN AND ETYMOLOGY OF CURRENT GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES. by Erwin G. Gudde, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1962.

Tailholt/White River

1) White River, Tulare Co, CA - The place was originally called Tailholt because (according to the most convincing of several stories) a miner had nailed a cow's tail on his cabin door to serve as a handle. When the post office was about to be established in the 1860's, Levi Mitchell, who thought that Tailholt would not make a very good name, substituted the name White River, after the river on which the mining camp was situated.

2) One of the stories of which Levi Mitchell probably did not approve was the one about the drunk miner who would come into town and become so drunk he couldn't find his way home. He grasped the tail of his mule and hung on while the mule dragged him to his cabin.

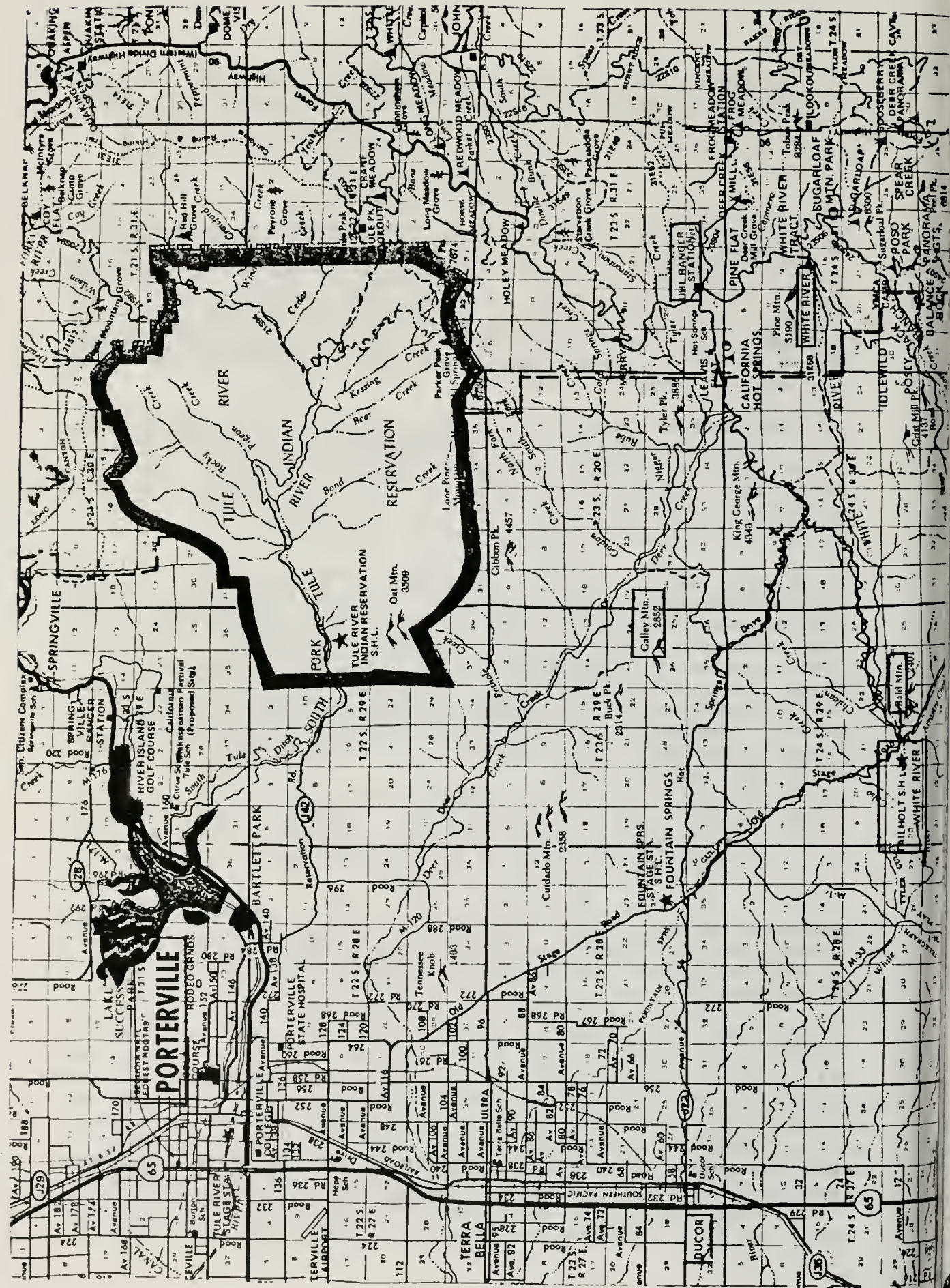
(This was told to me by Jane Guthrie Muller)

1951 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook: "California Sketches (historical cartoon) - TAILHOLT - Tailholt began as a gold mining camp about 1856 during the Kern River Gold Rush. Gold was obtained from placer and shaft operations. Mining has been carried on intermittently since the time of discovery. During periods of activity there has been a considerable settlement here. The name was changed to White River about 1870. Marker placed by California Centennials Commission. Base furnished by Tulare County Historical Society. Dedicated May 15, 1949."

(This was the historical marker Glen and I saw on our first trip to White River, and prompted us to call Less Guthrie who in turn suggested we call his grandmother, Flo. This was my first introduction to the Guthrie family of Tulare Co)

Coho is an area near White River where Sarah Jane Box Guthrie and her family lived for a short time in 1872 just after their arrival in Tulare County from Sonoma County. Jane Guthrie Muller, in her CHILDHOOD MEMORIES 1917-1927, tells how Coho got its name:

"There was a Mountain Man named Pegleg Smith who had trapped for beavers in the Rocky Mountains in the early 1800s. One time in a skirmish with the Indians he'd been shot in the leg by an arrow. ... a few days later his leg was so infected that he knew it had to be amputated. When he could not persuade any of his companions to cut and saw it off, he did the job himself--I suppose with the help of some whiskey. Anyway, he whittled himself a pegleg and went right on living his tough life. He could ride a horse with the best of them. One of the stories told about him was that





Grapevine Ranch, White
River, Tulare Co. CA

(1892 Atlas)

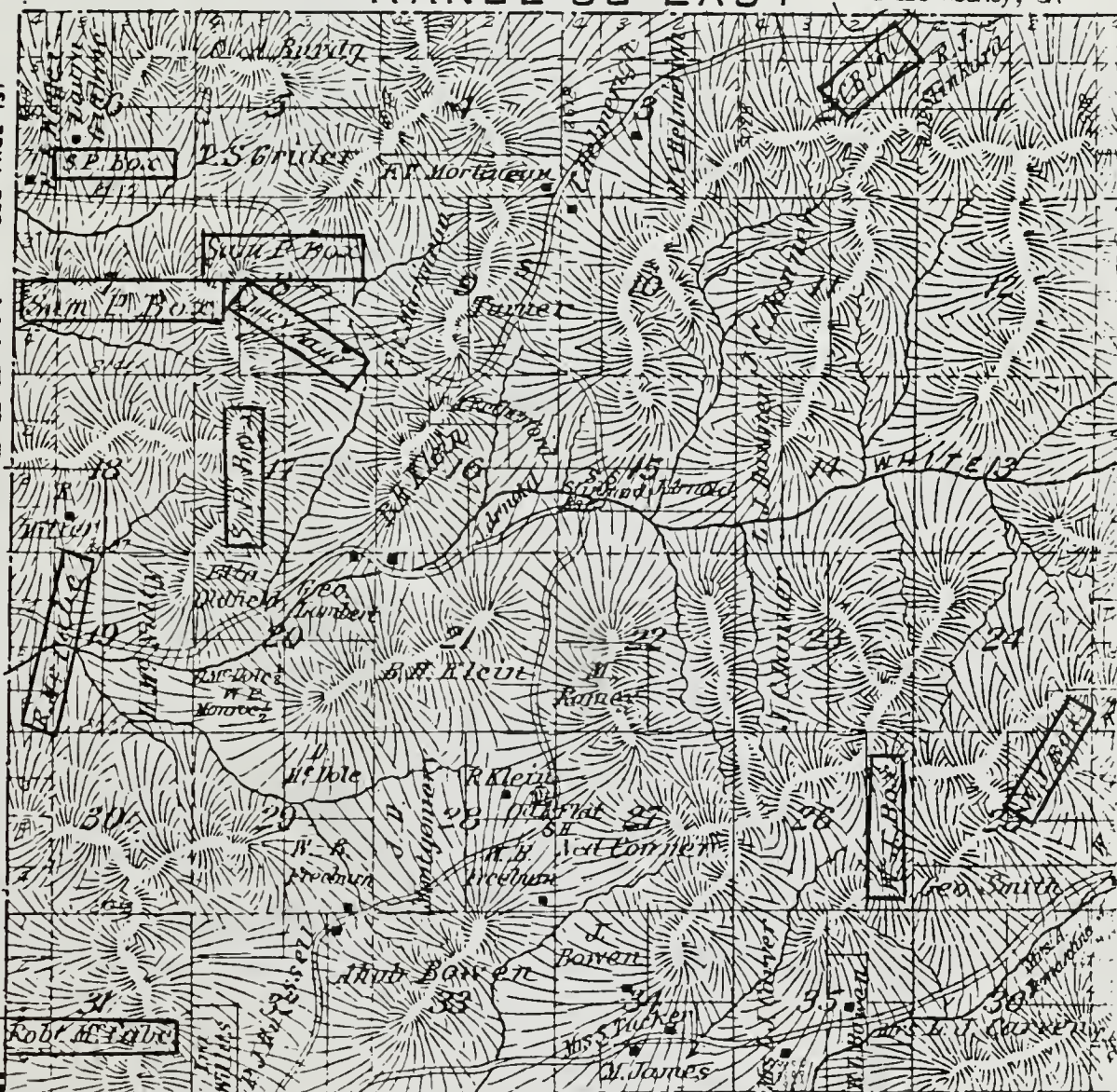
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Tulare County, CA

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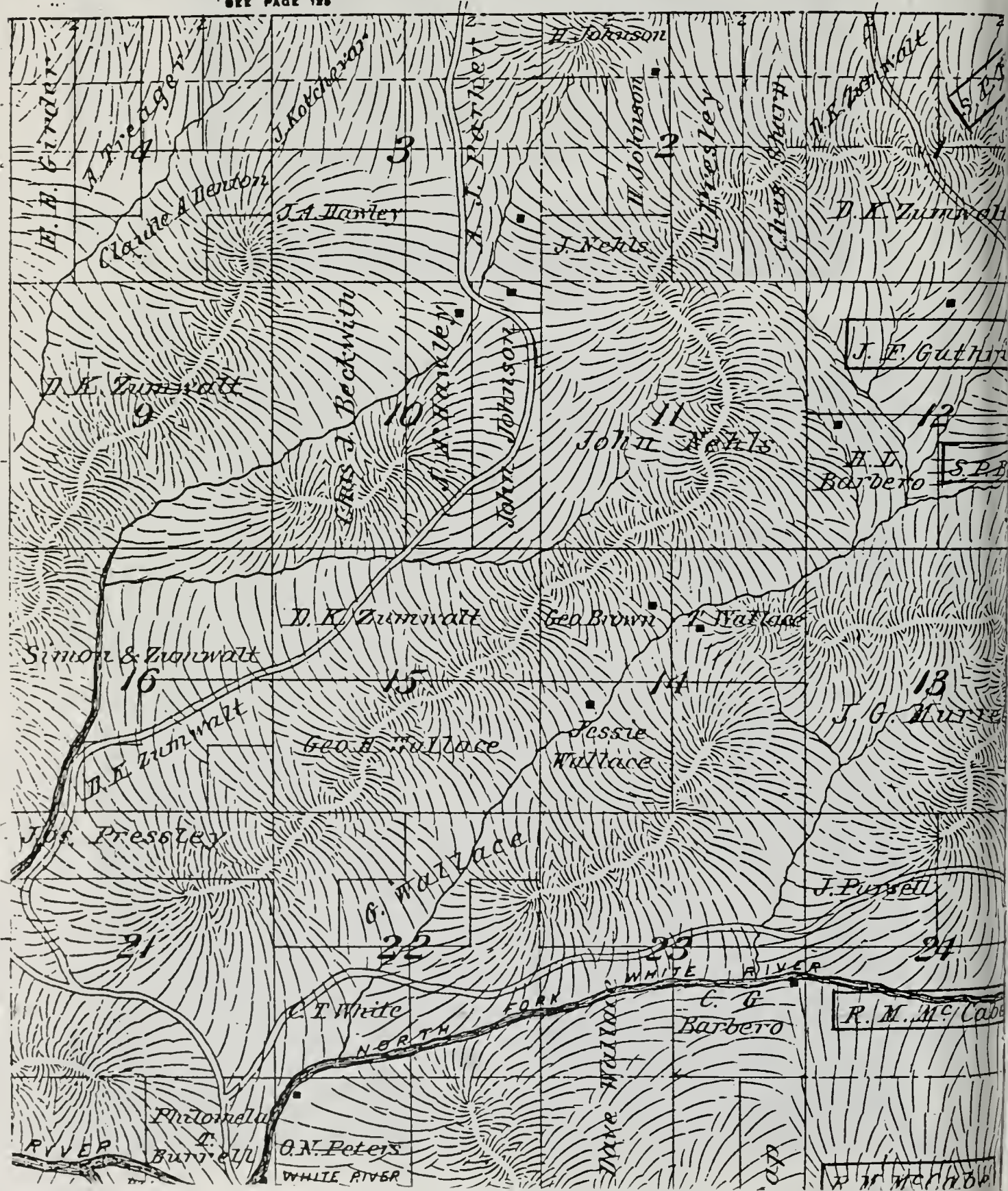
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ULAKE CO. CALIFORNIA.

(1892 Atlas)

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when he got into a fight, he often unstrapped his leg and used it as a lethal weapon, cracking heads right and left....(Pegleg) was the greatest horse thief California ever endured, for he boldly invaded the ranchos near the coast and had Indians stealing for him all during the year...gathered his bands of horses in the foothills north of White River to Deer Creek and then drove them in the late spring over the trail up over Greenhorn to Walker Pass...Later, when John C Fremont came into California on exploring trips, he followed the same trail which ever since has been called the Fremont Trail, and it goes through our ranch.

"The Indians and Mexicans called Pegleg 'El Cojo,' which means 'lame' (or 'lame one'). Consequently, the land where he had his headquarters was called Cojo...later when the first school was established nearby, it was called Coho, with the spelling changed to the way it sounded to Americans. ..." (Members of the Box/Guthrie family both attended and taught at the Coho School)

1989 - During my sister Evelyn's and my visit to Jane and Francis Wed 14 June 1989 to show Evelyn where the Box Ranch was, Francis took us straight ahead from Fountain Springs to the Box-Guthrie properties rather than taking the right turn through White River and past the Guthrie Bald Mountain Cemetery.

Rogers Station to right just before "Guthrie Hill", a rather steep hill with curves - has a 30 mph sign going up the hill, a 45 mph sign on the downside. Sarah (BOX GUTHRIE) and her five young children camped here at Rogers Station until they found the double log cabin near Coho School. A part Indian family gave them a cow for milk for the children.

Curnow Blue Grass Ranch is where the original GUTHRIE homestead was. It is now owned by a lady from Bakersfield. (See John Franklin GUTHRIE and Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE Notes for other information on Guthrie property.

Bob GUTHRIE's place was on the left side (going East) of the road almost across from the homestead. Ellen, who married Bob at age 18, sold the ranch to Walter Huston, the actor, after Ellen and Bob were divorced. Huston came here often and loved the area. The house cannot be seen from the road.

It was in this general area where Elma HOWELL BOX was thrown from a horse, broke her hip and laid there overnight until the Klein boys found her the next day.

It is 11 miles from Fountain Springs to the Sam BOX ranch. "BOX Hill" leads down to the ranch property. Sam BOX was called "Mr Grapevine" and in some articles the Sam Box ranch is referred to as the "Grapevine Ranch."

William Josiah "Jo" BOX lived at the Jack Ranch in this area. See his Notes, his daughter Margaret BOX's Notes, and those of John Franklin GUTHRIE for more information on this property.

Reuben Franklin BOX (Jr) lived in this area also, but died so soon after his marriage that very little is known about where he lived.

Although there are too many to list here, Porterville and Ducor were home to many of the Guthrie family, and three generations still live in the area.

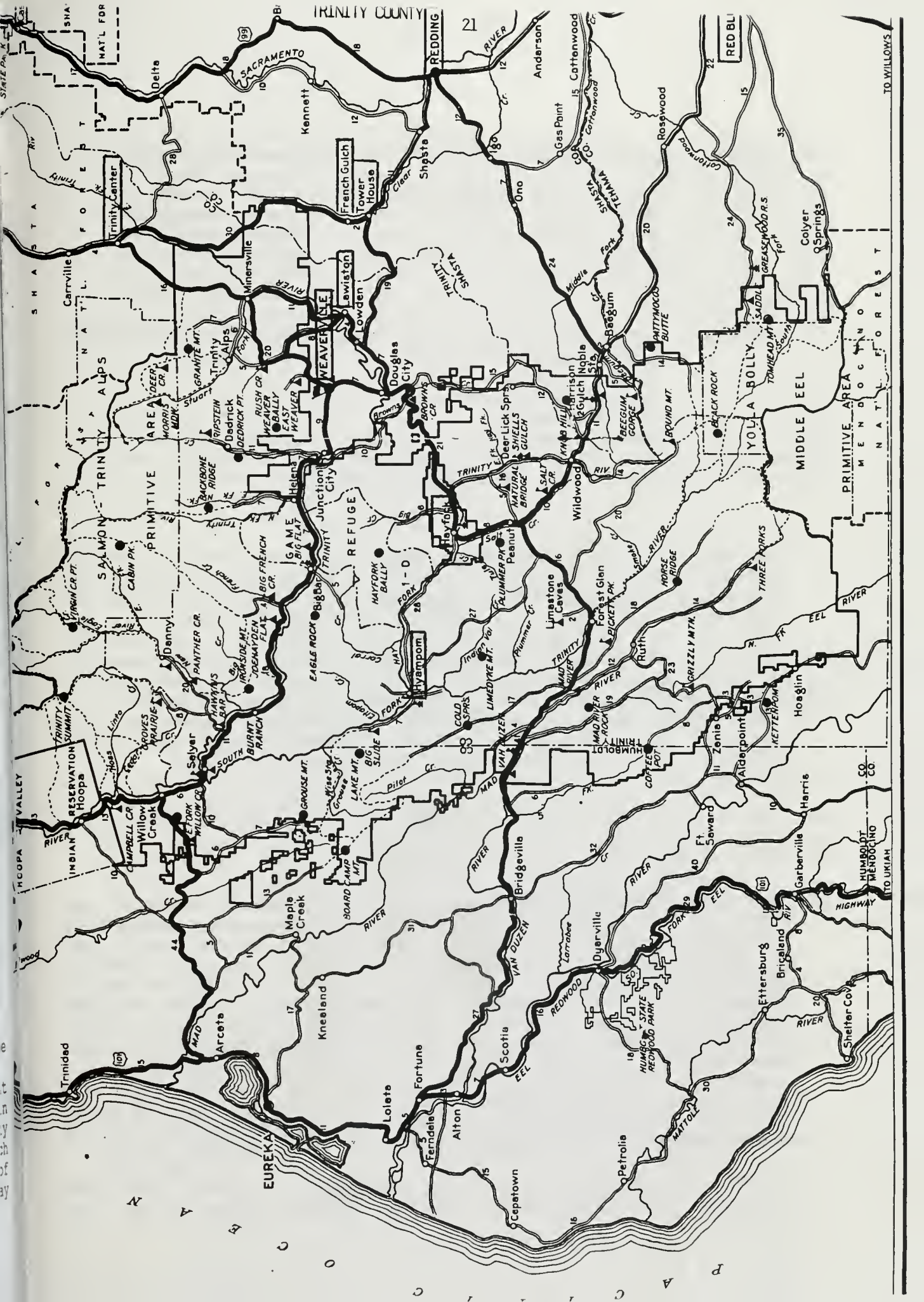
Uhl Station in the Sierra Foothills was named for the Uhl family which Clara Jane GUTHRIE married into. It is still listed on highway maps of today. (See Clara's Notes and Edwin Austin UHL Notes)

The Bald Mountain Cemetery in White River is a private cemetery, and appropriately, is invisible from the road. It is a part of the beautiful scenery in that area. There are a few headstones for neighboring families, all familiar names to anyone who has read Jane's books or is familiar with the history of the area, but the family names that are there are:

GUTHRIE

Less		"Jo"
Charles Lester	Florence A	John Hiram
1885 --- 1946	1891 ---- 1984	Nov 27 1913 - Sep 18 1973
Husband		Jennie H
Robert McCabe		daughter of
died		J. F. and M. E. Guthrie
May 21 1894		died
aged		Jan 11 1892
51 yrs 6 mos		aged
		1 yr 3 mos
		In Heaven
Gertrude E. Uhl		
1882-1899		
daughter of		
Edwin A & Clara J. Uhl		

Jane GUTHRIE MULLER made a special trip to the Home of Peace Cemetery in Porterville in 1987, and sent me the following very complete list of family members who are buried in that cemetery, impressive mute testimony to the Reuben Franklin BOX descendants in the Tulare County area. I give names only here, as dates can be checked on individual Notes for each name. Since cemetery records are such a valuable source of information for genealogists and historians, this list may be of value to a future family historian:



TO WILLOWS

TO UKIAH

TO KENTON

TO EUREKA

TO EUREKA

HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY, Porterville, Tulare County, CA

McCABE,	Fannie (nee GUTHRIE)	UHL, Edwin Austin
	Nellie	Clara (nee GUTHRIE)
	James Clyde	Bertha Adeline
	Susie	Cynthia Jane
	Kathryn Delia	Laura
		Cecil Clifford
GUTHRIE,	John Franklin	BOX, Henrietta (nee WHITE)
	Mary Ellen (nee WHITE)	
	Henry Wilfred	
	Everett Riddell	
	William Henry	
	Laura Elizabeth	

Trinity Co

1897 - 1917

The Sam BOX family left Tulare County in Oct 1897 to move to Trinity County, possibly because of a malaria outbreak in the White River area where all the children to this time had been born. They lived in Hyampom and Knob, because there are quite a few letters from there to the family in Tulare Co. One letter referred to the fact the Box family lived in Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA, but I believe that is only during the time they were awaiting the birth of Elma in 1905. (See Notes for Samuel Powell BOX, Reuben Preston, Ora Frances, Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie," Andrew "Andy" Howell and Mildred Lenore BOX for Trinity County information.)

KENTUCKY

Estill Co

Our great-grandmother, Margaret Jane MORELAND HOWELL, was born in Estill County, KY in 1828. Her mother was Sally HENDRICKS, daughter of James HENDRICKS, a large land owner in Estill County. He owned 3000 acres of 3rd rate land on Station Camp Creek, and 350 acres of 1st rate land on Tate's Creek in Madison County, KY (the part taken in 1807 to form a part of Estill County). Since officers in the American Revolution were given 350 acres of prime land for their services, it is possible that he was a Revolutionary soldier. I have several land records for him, but they are too lengthy, and his connection too distant to include here. His wife, Nancy Ann, was included in the 1820 Census, living in Ravenna, Estill County, KY.

We went to Ravenna on a Sunday morning in October 1990, and through the kindness of Norwood Thorpe, who writes the

Estill Co Historical Society newsletter, we met Diane Frymyer, President of the Historical Society, saw the Railroad Museum, and had a long talk with her. The town of Ravenna is a railroad town, and a coal-washing station, has a clothing factory (where Diane works) that employs 300. They make quality fleece-lined denim jackets for Sears and Penney's. The physical appearance of Ravenna has probably not changed much in the past 100 years. Like many San Joaquin Valley towns, it is a town about 3 blocks long with all the business buildings on one side of the street facing the railroad tracks on the other side. A coal train pulled in as we were talking.

Irvine, (pronounced Irvin) the adjoining town, is the County Seat of Estill Co, and the District Attorney is a Mike MORELAND. Even if no further information turns up, we had the pleasure of seeing this beautiful area, and drove through the lovely mountains of Estill County with the fall colors in full glory.

MISSISSIPPI, ARKANSAS, TEXAS

1840-1851

According to Census Records, Reuben Franklin Box, his wife and two children were in Chickasaw County, MS in 1840. Aunt Ora always said the family moved to TX in approximately 1842, and that they lived about 60 miles NE of Austin, TX. No documentation found.

Information received June 1990 from Mary Wynonne BOX WHITE, second paragraph of her letter:

"The information that I have on Reuben F BOX is that in 1840 was living in Chickasaw, but moved right after that to Ouachita Co, AR for he was not here in 1845 but still owned land in Chickasaw Co and had to pay tax on it in 1845."

(Ouachita County Courthouse burned in 1858 and they advised me they have no records prior to that date.)

MISSOURI

Clay Co & Lafayette Co

In 1827 Elijah Preston P HOWELL went to Clay Co, and then to Lafayette Co, MO.

Plattsburg, Clinton Co

From 1834 to 1845 E P HOWELL lived in Plattsburg, Clinton Co, MO.

Elijah's parents, John and Nancy BAKER HOWELL, both died in Clinton County, MO and are buried 3 miles SW of Plattsburg. He died 1 Aug 1840, and she died 17 Jan 1856.

Albany, Gentry Co

Elijah Preston HOWELL left from Athens (now Albany), Gentry County, MO for California in 1849 according to his diary, having lived there since 1845.

Elijah was born in Grayson Co, VA, based on information written in his own hand in the Howell Pictorial Family Register, but since I do not have the birthplaces of the other 12 children in this family, I do not as yet know when the family moved to MO or why.

SOUTH CAROLINA

According to his tombstone, Reuben Franklin BOX was a native of South Carolina.

Despite many efforts by letter, genealogical queries in several magazines and newsletters, and a visit to South Carolina in 1990, no record of Reuben Franklin Box's birthplace or parentage has emerged. The search will continue.

TENNESSEE

When Elijah P HOWELL was young his family moved to Claibourne Co, TN, and in 1821 to McMinn Co, TN.

VIRGINIA

Andrew BAKER, born 1749, Nancy BAKER HOWELL's father, was a Revolutionary War Private from Virginia, according to the DAR. No County or area indicated. His wife, Elizabeth AVEN, was listed as a surviving widow eligible for a pension in one of the DAR books.

Grayson Co

In his own words and exquisite Spencerian Script handwriting Elijah Preston HOWELL wrote in the Howell

PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER:

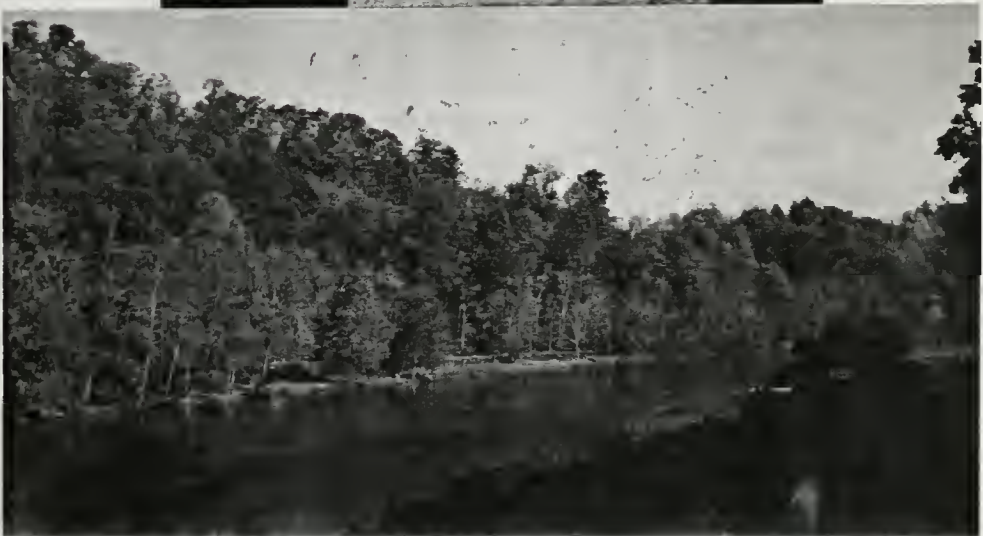
"Elijah P Howell was born near the West bank of New River a few miles from the North Carolina line.

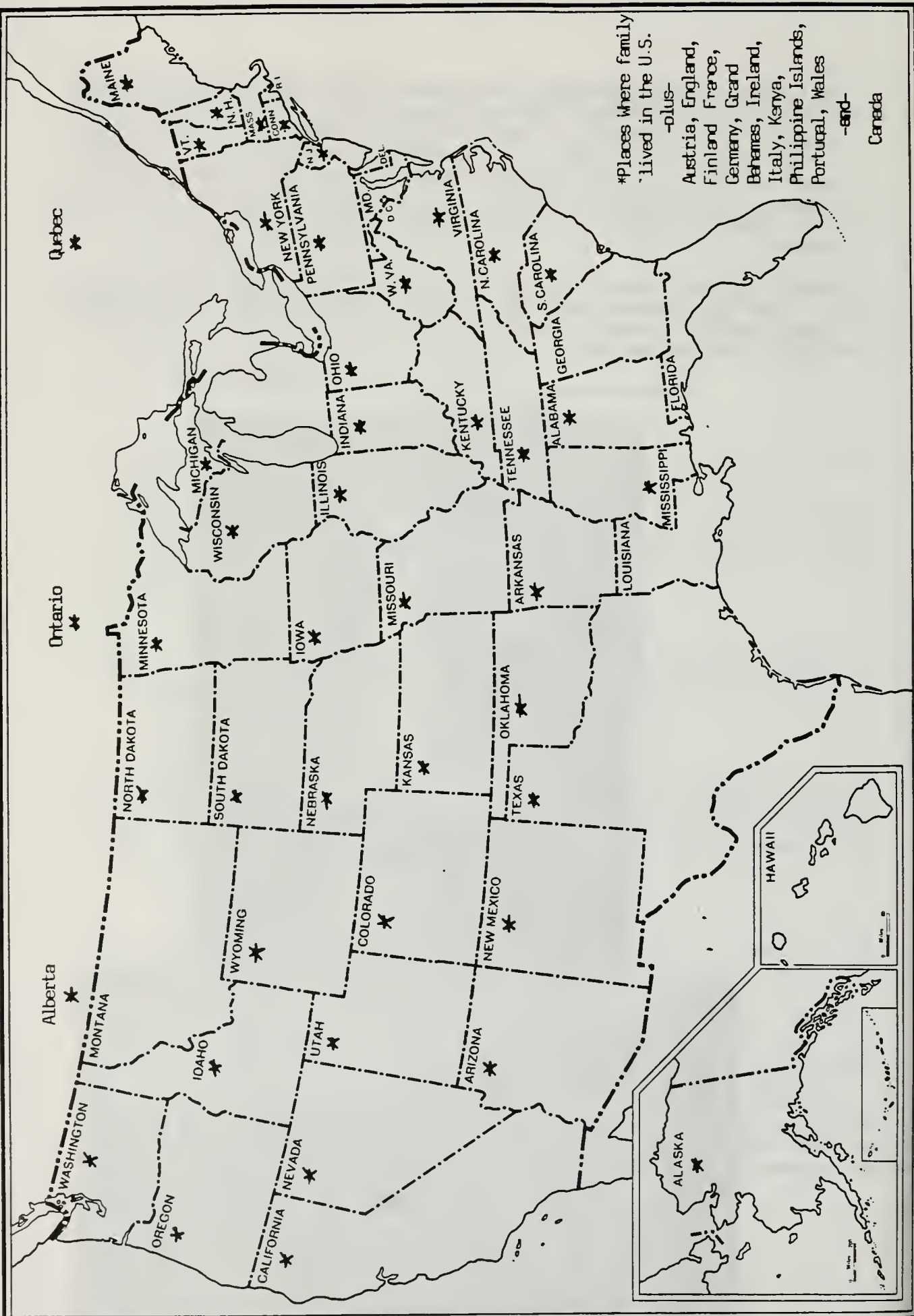
"While I was young my Parents removed to Lee Co, VA., then to Claibourne Co, Ten., and in 1821 to McMinn Co. Ten.

"In 1827 I went to Clay & then to Lafayette Co, Missouri. I lived in Washinton Co. Ark. & in the Cherokee Nation from Ap. 1832 to May 1834. I lived in Plattsburg Mo. from 1834 to 1845; then in Albany Mo. until 1849 when I emigrated to California."

We visited Independence, the County Seat of Grayson County, Virginia, in October 1990. I spent some time in the County Court House looking up marriage and property records, and found many references to the HOWELL and related families, most of them in what was then called the NEW RIVER DISTRICT. However, the hour was late, and despite the cooperation of the staff, there was only enough time to jot down a few notes.

Then, as we crossed the New River into North Carolina to get on the Blue Ridge Parkway, I took two pictures of the area where Elijah Preston HOWELL could have been born, according to his own description.





*Places where family
lived in the U.S.

-plus-

Austria, England,
Finland, France,
Germany, Grand
Bahama, Ireland,
Italy, Kenya,
Philippine Islands,
Portugal, Wales
-and-

Canada

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-
- 1-- Reuben Franklin BOX-6 (1808)
 - sp-Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7 (1817)
 - 2-- Mary Frances " BOX-8 (1837)
 - sp-Clem Albert D JOHNSON-17 (1821)
 - 3-- Annie JOHNSON-19 (1854)
 - sp-Henry Clay LAFFERTY-55 (1846)
 - 4-- Mary E LAFFERTY-56
 - sp-William JENKINS-58
 - 5-- Gladys JENKINS-59
 - 5-- Claude JENKINS-60
 - 5-- Robert JENKINS-61
 - 4-- Claude LAFFERTY-57
 - 3-- Samuel W. "Sam" JOHNSON-20 (1861)
 - sp-Dorothy B FICKAS-62
 - 4-- Alice JOHNSON-63
 - 4-- Irl JOHNSON-64
 - 3-- Addie JOHNSON-21 (1854)
 - sp-John Benton WHITAKER-65 (1862)
 - 4-- Rena WHITAKER-66 (1882)
 - sp-DEROSE-68
 - 5-- Berneice DEROSE-69
 - 4-- Hazel WHITAKER-67
 - sp-WOODHOUSE-1204
 - 3-- Dora Jane JOHNSON-22 (1858)
 - sp-George E COLE-70 (1855)
 - 4-- Edith Frances COLE-71 (1875)
 - sp-PODLECH-570
 - 2-- Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX-9 (1839)
 - sp-Elma Jane HOWELL-23 (1864)
 - 3-- Ora Frances BOX-24 (1886)
 - sp-Nickels C MATZEN-72 (1880)
 - 4-- B MATZEN-73 (1906)
 - sp-Ila Grace BURNS-74 (1914)
 - 5-- Mildred Arleen MATZEN-75 (1942)
 - sp-Walter William PICKETT J-77 (1939)
 - 6-- Kyle William PICKETT-78 (1971)
 - 6-- Colleen J PICKETT-79 (1974)
 - 5-- Vernon Charles MATZEN D-76 (1943)
 - sp-Constance C MORGAN-80 (1945)
 - 6-- Sara Lynn MATZEN-81 (1977)
 - 6-- Kathryn Ann MATZEN-82 (1980)
 - 3-- Reuben Preston BOX-25 (1887)
 - sp-Anita Elsie ANDERLINI-83 (1894)
 - 4-- Beryl Bernice BOX-84 (1916)
 - sp-Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER-86 (1916)
 - 5-- Wayne Ralph ORNER-87 (1937)
 - sp-Ravmell BILLINGS-93
 - sp-Vicky ELSNER-94 (1941)
 - 6-- Sheri ORNER-95 (1977)
 - 6-- Robert "Smokey" ORNER-96 (1968)
 - 5-- Charlotte Adele ORNER-88 (1939)
 - sp-Bruce Allen HOLTAN-97
 - 6-- Brett Alan HOLTAN-98 (1960)
 - sp-Unknown (HOLTAN)-1217
 - 7-- Hailie Jeanne HOLTAN-1218 (1991)
 - 6-- Curtis Wayne HOLTAN-99 (1961)

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sp-James LOEFFEL-100
 6-- Stacey Dyan LOEFFEL-101 (1967)
 sp-Ray DALY-102
 5-- Rhoda Bernice ORNER-89 (1943)
 sp-Charles C SEEVERS-103
 6-- Rhonda Denise SEEVERS-104 (1963)
 sp-Brian BRICKEY-106
 7-- Shane BRICKEY-107 (1985)
 7-- Alyssa BRICKEY-1215 (1987)
 7-- Amanda BRICKEY-1216 (1989)
 6-- Todd Preston SEEVERS-105 (1965)
 sp-Larea MAGBY-108
 7-- Jill SEEVERS-109 (1985)
 sp-Patrick ARNOLD-131
 5-- Kenneth Dean ORNER-90 (1945)
 5-- Harold Donald ORNER-91 (1947)
 sp-Reta Gale RAGER-110 (1952)
 6-- Lance Matthew ORNER-111 (1972)
 6-- Brownen Adelle ORNER-112 (1974)
 6-- Lydia ORNER-113 (1977)
 6-- Lisa ORNER-114 (1978)
 6-- Che ORNER-115 (1978)
 5-- Thomas Ray T ORNER-92 (1948)
 sp-Doreen Eugenia POOLE-116
 6-- Michael Wayne ORNER-117 (1975)
 6-- Travis ORNER-118 (1977)
 6-- Meagan ORNER-119 (1981)
 4-- Norman Laverne N BOX-85 (1918)
 sp-Frances Emily F LAVELLE-120 (1923)
 5-- Cooea Christine C BOX-121 (1946)
 sp-Theodore Melzar T COLE-123 (1943)
 6-- Kerri Lynn COLE-124 (1965)
 6-- Michael Kieran COLE-125 (1971)
 5-- Andrew Norman A BOX-122 (1948)
 sp-June EDGAR-126
 6-- Preston Ouane BOX-127 (1970)
 sp-Jan GERBER-128 (1951)
 6-- Norman Louis BOX-129 (1978)
 6-- Anita Louise BOX-130 (1980)
 3-- Lucy Elizabeth B BOX-26 (1890)
 sp-Malcolm DANIEL-200
 4-- Samuel Lee DANIEL-201 (1908)
 sp-Vera Mae PHILLIPS-202
 5-- Janice Lorraine DANIEL-203 (1945)
 5-- Nancy/Nancie L DANIEL-204 (1945)
 sp-Thomas RAJNAK-1144
 sp-James RHODES-938
 4-- Lillie May DANIEL-1213
 sp-TAYLOR-1214
 sp-OWEN-507
 sp-Elmer H "Chub" MARTIN-199 (1887)
 3-- Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX-1 (1892)
 sp-Irene Maude VAN MATRE-678 (1896)
 4-- Bertha Leonora BOX-679 (1915)
 sp-Addie Ruth MEAL-2 (1896)
 4-- Alice Elaine BOX-3 (1923)

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sp-Kenneth George K RAMSAY-229 (1916)
 sp-Glen AKINS-232 (1916)
 4-- Evelyn Marie BOX-4 (1925)
 sp-Donnal George BEHM-167 (1922)
 5-- Lynette Gail BEHM D-168 (1948)
 sp-Mougo Boniface NYAGGAH-252 (1937)
 6-- Mucangi NYAGGAH-253 (1959)
 sp-Eddah KASADI-257
 7-- Sally NYAGGAH-258 (1981)
 7-- Sintole NYAGGAH-259 (1982)
 7-- Kasidi NYAGGAH-260 (1983)
 6-- Wandia N NYAGGAH-254 (1960)
 sp-Muhoro MAINA-261 (1960)
 7-- Francis Gichamba MAINA-262 (1985)
 7-- Nduta Anita MAINA-263 (1987)
 6-- Wambugi N NYAGGAH-255 (1965)
 6-- Ngatha Felice N NYAGGAH-256 (1967)
 sp-James "Jim" MILLER-442
 7-- James MILLER-792 (1989)
 5-- Laurel Ann BEHM-169 (1949)
 5-- Mark Andrew BEHM-170 (1954)
 5-- David Donnal BEHM-171 (1956)
 sp-Sandra "Sandy" BELL-181 (1945)
 6-- Andrew Christian BEHM-182 (1983)
 4-- Ralph Allen "Al" BOX-5 (1926)
 sp-Judith Elaine J HURT-233 (1932)
 5-- Patricia Farrelle P BOX-234 (1949)
 sp-Edward John "Ed" REGO-239 (1945)
 6-- Tracey Paul REGO-240 (1972)
 6-- Jodi Lynn REGO-241 (1974)
 5-- Jon Andrew BOX-235 (1953)
 5-- Glenn Kenneth BOX-236 (1955)
 sp-Christine Mary C HUDDY-242
 sp-Patricia Arlene WEAVER-243 (1954)
 6-- Jonathan D ROBBERSON-244 (1972)
 6-- Aaron P ROBBERSON-245 (1976)
 6-- Halley Caitlin BOX-246 (1987)
 6-- Keith Glenn BOX-247 (1989)
 5-- Paul Allen BOX-237 (1963)
 sp-Lisa Deanne RIGBY-248
 6-- Amber Nicole BOX-249 (1989)
 6-- Jessica Paige BOX-584 (1991)
 sp-Dana (Lowry) ORTH-238
 3-- Mildred Lenore M BOX-27 (1895)
 3-- Elma Pauline BOX-28 (1905)
 sp-William N MORGAN-205 (1894)
 4-- Jane Dolores MORGAN-206 (1922)
 sp-Carl BLANKENSHIP-208 (1927)
 5-- Pippa BLANKENSHIP-209 (1954)
 sp-Louis PENSOTTI-900
 5-- Karla BLANKENSHIP-210 (1956)
 sp-George KENNEDY-901
 5-- Marcie BLANKENSHIP-211 (1959)
 sp-Ralph JAIME-902
 4-- William N MORGAN-207 (1924)
 sp-Frances Cecilia EVANS-212 (1918)

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sp-Diane Lee GAVIN-216 (1937)
 5-- Douglas Howard MORGAN-213 (1958)
 5-- Adele Louise MORGAN-214 (1960)
 sp-GOINS-893
 6-- Josh GOINS-894
 6-- Amanda GOINS-895
 5-- Edre Anna MORGAN-215 (1963)
 sp-Jeff BELL-896
 6-- Davin BELL-897 (1983)
 6-- Liana BELL-898 (1986)
 6-- Christopher BELL-899 (1989)
 sp-Virginia Edrie ROBBINS-217
 sp-BLACK-891
 sp-George James J CLEMENS-892
 3-- Margaret Jane BOX-29 (1910)
 2-- Mildred Adaline " BOX-10 (1840)
 sp-Joel Mortimer M ZANE-30 (1834)
 3-- Lucy R. ZANE-31 (1859)
 3-- Elmes Colonel ZANE-35 (1862)
 3-- George Solon ZANE-32 (1864)
 sp-Grace A JOHNSON-218 (1870)
 4-- George Alden ZANE-219 (1891)
 sp-JOHNSTON-638 (1891)
 5-- Willis ZANE-637
 5-- George Alden ZANE Jr-636
 4-- Neil C ZANE-220 (1895)
 sp-Norma B (ZANE)-681
 5-- Neil ZANE Jr-682 (1920)
 5-- Joseph "Joe" ZANE-683
 5-- Jean ZANE-684
 sp-BLICKLE-602
 3-- Willis Albert W ZANE-33 (1870)
 sp-Minnie G THOMPSON-221 (1876)
 4-- Alan Mortimer ZANE-222 (1906)
 sp-Lois M LEACH-823
 5-- Glenn Alan ZANE-264 (1939)
 sp-Cora "Cody"? SAUNDERS-824
 6-- Elena ZANE-825
 6-- Eric ZANE-826
 6-- Toby ZANE-827
 6-- Diane ZANE-828
 6-- Unknown ZANE-829
 6-- Betsy ZANE-830 (1980)
 sp-Frances F QUINTIN-822
 4-- Mildred ZANE-821 (1908)
 4-- Willis Thompson ZANE-223 (1911)
 sp-Josephine A WILLIAMS-265 (1908)
 5-- John Willis ZANE-831 (1948)
 5-- Susan Naomi ZANE-832 (1950)
 sp-Philip CRARY-833
 6-- Jedediah CRARY-834 (1977)
 6-- Sarah May CRARY-835 (1982)
 6-- Daniel CRARY-836 (1985)
 6-- Rebecca CRARY-837 (1989)
 4-- Roger McMurray ZANE-224 (1916)
 sp-Ruth Eva KUNTZ-838 (1915)

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-
- 5-- Betty Ellen ZANE-267 (1948)
 - sp-Raymond Edward RESCH-1103 (1944)
 - 6-- Lori Elaine RESCH-1104 (1973)
 - 6-- Lindsey Ann RESCH-1105 (1976)
 - 6-- Kari Lea RESCH-1106 (1985)
 - 5-- Steven Mack ZANE-266 (1953)
 - sp-Margaret E CUMMINGS-1107 (1951)
 - 6-- Marcie Camille ZANE-1108 (1979)
 - 6-- Lisa Marie ZANE-1109 (1981)
 - 6-- Danielle Dawn ZANE-1110 (1983)
 - 6-- Jeremiah C ZANE-1111 (1986)
 - 3-- Joel Mortimer M ZANE-34 (1876)
 - 2-- Sarah Jane ("Jin") BOX-11 (1842)
 - sp-Washington W GUTHRIE-36 (1831)
 - 3-- Fannie F GUTHRIE-37 (1861)
 - sp-Robert "Bob" MCCABE-225 (1843)
 - 4-- Nellie MCCABE-227 (1879)
 - sp-Shadrach W S BRALY-268 (1872)
 - sp-Mark ADAMS-269
 - 5-- Ruth BRALY (Adopted)-598 (1911)
 - sp-Karl Gunard JOHNSON-597
 - 6-- Karlin JOHNSON-596 (1937)
 - sp-Gary GIRAUDI-594
 - 6-- Signe JOHNSON-595 (1937)
 - 4-- James Clyde MCCABE-228 (1881)
 - 4-- Susan "Susie" MCCABE-230 (1884)
 - sp-Charles MACY-270
 - 5-- Douglas MACY-271 (1919)
 - 5-- Merrill MACY-272 (1923)
 - sp-Marvin Ancel CLARK-274
 - 5-- Harlan MACY-273 (1927)
 - sp-Norma DUNCAN-842
 - 4-- Kathryn Delia K MCCABE-231 (1892)
 - sp-Enos DENT-226
 - 3-- Clara Jane A GUTHRIE-38 (1862)
 - sp-Edwin Austin "Ed" UHL-275 (1850)
 - 4-- Bertha Adeline B UHL-276 (1883)
 - 4-- Gertrude Emmaline G UHL-277 (1883)
 - 4-- Cynthia Jane UHL-278 (1885)
 - 4-- Laura Frances B UHL-279 (1889)
 - sp-Archibald F A LANEY-281
 - 5-- Genevieve O LANEY-282 (1919)
 - sp-Tom YEAGER-283
 - 6-- Roger YEAGER-593 (1941)
 - 6-- Loren YEAGER-592 (1944)
 - sp-Laura LAMB-590
 - 7-- Chris YEAGER-589 (1967)
 - 7-- Kim YEAGER-588 (1969)
 - sp-Julie (YEAGER)-587
 - 6-- William "Bill" YEAGER-591 (1952)
 - sp-Linda (YEAGER)-586
 - 4-- Cecil Clifford C UHL-280 (1893)
 - 3-- Laura Elizabeth GUTHRIE-39 (1864)
 - 3-- John Franklin GUTHRIE-40 (1866)
 - sp-Mary Ellen WHITE-284 (1866)
 - 4-- Charles Lester GUTHRIE-285 (1885)

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sp-Florence Aleen F MANTER-293 (1891)
 5-- John Hiram GUTHRIE-294 (1913)
 sp-Marian E KLEINHANS-296 (1913)
 6-- John Lester L GUTHRIE-297 (1944)
 sp-Claudia HOLDENER-299
 7-- John Charles GUTHRIE-300 (1968)
 7-- Jennifer E GUTHRIE-301 (1971)
 7-- Jason Lester GUTHRIE-302 (1977)
 6-- Lou Ann GUTHRIE-298 (1948)
 sp-John WELDON-378
 7-- Mellisa Jane WELDON-379 (1970)
 7-- Michael John WELDON-380 (1973)
 sp-Bruce SALMONSON-841
 5-- Jane Ellen GUTHRIE-295 (1917)
 sp-Francis Joseph MULLER-303 (1915)
 6-- Francis Joseph F MULLER-304 (1940)
 sp-Diana CALEK-314
 7-- David Andrew MULLER-315 (1964)
 7-- Daniel Anthony MULLER-316 (1966)
 7-- Theodore Joseph MULLER-317 (1967)
 sp-Nadine COATES-318
 6-- Nicholas G MULLER-305 (1942)
 sp-Sally DIGGLES-319 (1942)
 7-- Thomas Francis MULLER-320 (1965)
 7-- Amy Erin MULLER-321 (1968)
 6-- Jane Ellen MULLER-306 (1945)
 sp-Francis J COLELLA-322
 7-- Anthony F COLELLA-323 (1972)
 7-- Mary Alice COLELLA-324 (1973)
 7-- Ellen E COLELLA-325 (1975)
 7-- Rose Therese COLELLA-326 (1979)
 6-- Brook Edward MULLER-307 (1949)
 sp-Marian DICKSON-327
 7-- Robert Francis MULLER-328 (1979)
 7-- Kathleen Marie MULLER-329 (1981)
 7-- Therese E MULLER-330 (1982)
 7-- Dominic Andrew MULLER-331 (1986)
 6-- Charles Anthony MULLER-308 (1951)
 sp-Donna CIRELLI-332 (1954)
 7-- Christopher A MULLER-680 (1990)
 6-- Mary Therese MULLER-309 (1952)
 sp-Winston B GALUSHA-333 (1947)
 7-- Aimee Therese GALUSHA-334 (1977)
 7-- Jillian Claire GALUSHA-335 (1980)
 7-- Laurel J GALUSHA-336 (1982)
 7-- Nicholas J GALUSHA-922 (1990)
 6-- Patricia Ann MULLER-310 (1954)
 sp-Henry HUGHES-337
 7-- Christina J HUGHES-338 (1978)
 7-- Julia Anne HUGHES-339 (1980)
 7-- Joseph Henry HUGHES-340 (1982)
 7-- Patrick Henry HUGHES-341 (1985)
 7-- Shade Steven HUGHES-342 (1986)
 7-- Matthew Marion HUGHES-644 (1989)
 6-- Claire E MULLER-311 (1956)
 6-- David Gregory MULLER-312 (1959)

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6-- Stephen Andrew MULLER-313 (1962)
 4-- Henry Wilfred F GUTHRIE-286 (1887)
 4-- Fannie Etta D GUTHRIE-287 (1888)
 sp-H. Guy HUGHES-343 (1887)
 5-- Garth Franklin HUGHES-344 (1925)
 4-- Jenny Hazel GUTHRIE-288 (1890)
 4-- Guy Earnest GUTHRIE-289 (1893)
 sp-Ethel WILEY-345
 5-- Virginia Beth GUTHRIE-346 (1922)
 sp-William B SPURLIN-1175
 6-- Virginia SPURLIN-1177
 6-- Barbara SPURLIN-1178
 6-- Richard R SPURLIN-1176
 6-- Frances SPURLIN-1179
 6-- William B SPURLIN-1180
 5-- Guy Earnest GUTHRIE Jr-347 (1924)
 sp-Jackie WARD-1151
 6-- Michael GUTHRIE-1152 (1950)
 sp-Josie PETERSON-1157
 7-- Brandon GUTHRIE-1158 (1974)
 7-- Clinton GUTHRIE-1159 (1976)
 7-- Darin GUTHRIE-1160 (1978)
 sp-Rebecca ELIA-1161
 6-- Suzanne GUTHRIE-1153 (1952)
 sp-Phillip WARNER-1162
 7-- Adam WARNER-1163 (1974)
 7-- Amy WARNER-1164 (1976)
 6-- Richard GUTHRIE-1154 (1954)
 sp-Tamrie LOW-1165
 7-- Jason GUTHRIE-1166 (1981)
 7-- Sarah GUTHRIE-1167 (1982)
 7-- Elizabeth GUTHRIE-1168 (1987)
 7-- Ashleigh GUTHRIE-1169 (1989)
 6-- Brian GUTHRIE-1155 (1958)
 sp-Teresa KING-1170
 7-- Kyle GUTHRIE-1171 (1987)
 7-- Trevor GUTHRIE-1172 (1990)
 sp-Evelyn CAULK-1173
 6-- Cheryl GUTHRIE-1156 (1965)
 sp-Stan ENGLE-1174
 5-- Donna May GUTHRIE-348 (1926)
 sp-William VAILLANCOURT-1181
 5-- Wiley Galen B GUTHRIE-349 (1928)
 sp-Frances Inez ODOM-1182 (1932)
 6-- Cheryl Lynn GUTHRIE-1183 (1959)
 sp-Jon Steven CAGLE-1199 (1958)
 7-- Jon Steven CAGLE II-1200 (1984)
 7-- David Michael CAGLE-1201 (1987)
 7-- Alyssa Lynn CAGLE-1202 (1989)
 6-- Ryan Galen GUTHRIE-1184 (1967)
 4-- Robert Garth B GUTHRIE-290 (1897)
 sp-Ellen SHEPHERD-350
 4-- Everett R GUTHRIE-291 (1899)
 4-- Helen E GUTHRIE-292 (1909)
 sp-John MCCALL Dr-351
 5-- Carol Ann MCCALL-352 (1933)

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sp-Martin O'SULLIVAN-1193 (1935)
 6-- Erin O'SULLIVAN-1194 (1965)
 6-- Megan O'SULLIVAN-1195 (1966)
 5-- Bob Guthrie MCCALL-353 (1935)
 sp-"Tish" (MCCALL)-1196 (1937)
 6-- "Kim" MCCALL-1197 (1968)
 sp-"Chad" NELSON-1198 (1962)
 sp-Elizabeth HOUGHTON-599
 3-- William Henry GUTHRIE-41 (1868)
 sp-Wilhelmina RIOS-951
 4-- Barbara GUTHRIE-952 (1918)
 sp-Gerald "Jerry" RATEKIN-953
 5-- William RATEKIN-954 (1936)
 sp-Maurine PETERSON-955
 6-- Michelle RATEKIN-956 (1959)
 6-- Darren RATEKIN-957 (1960)
 6-- Dionne RATEKIN-958 (1966)
 2-- Elizabeth Caroline B BOX-14 (1844)
 sp-Charles Wesley C WHITE-42 (1829)
 3-- Asa Franklin F WHITE-46 (1863)
 3-- Amy Frances WHITE-43 (1866)
 sp-Clarence E C BAINBRIDGE-354 (1866)
 4-- Vyvyan BAINBRIDGE-355 (1902)
 sp-Paul GALLAGHER-1268 (1900)
 5-- Amy Jean GALLAGHER-1269 (1924)
 4-- Hazel BAINBRIDGE-356 (1902)
 sp-George NELSON-1270
 3-- Lucy Katherine WHITE-47 (1871)
 3-- Mary Emma "May" WHITE-44 (1876)
 sp-Samuel B "Sam" LEWIS-358 (1872)
 4-- Elizabeth LEWIS-359 (1902)
 sp-Americo M GIUBERGIA-360
 5-- Katheryn M GIUBERGIA-361 (1936)
 5-- Ida May GIUBERGIA-362 (1936)
 5-- Clare GIUBERGIA-363 (1936)
 5-- Jessie GIUBERGIA-364 (1936)
 5-- John J GIUBERGIA-365 (1936)
 3-- Almira Leigh A WHITE-49 (1879)
 sp-James S WILSON-366 (1874)
 4-- Eleanor E WILSON-368 (1905)
 sp-James BARTON-1289
 sp-Roy ALLEN-372
 4-- James X WILSON-367 (1907)
 sp-Dorothy DOWELL-369 (1908)
 5-- James Franklin WILSON-370 (1947)
 6-- Victoria WILSON-1267 (1973)
 5-- Ann Jane WILSON-371 (1945)
 3-- William Russell W WHITE-45 (1882)
 sp-Amy HOUSE-357
 2-- William Josiah "Jo" BOX-13 (1846)
 sp-Margaret C. M SMITH-50 (1859)
 3-- Lucy BOX-51 (1885)
 3-- Margaret Josephine L BOX-52 (1893)
 sp-Walter Seaton REEVES-373
 2-- James Allen "Al" BOX-12 (1848)
 2-- Elijah BOX-15 (1849)

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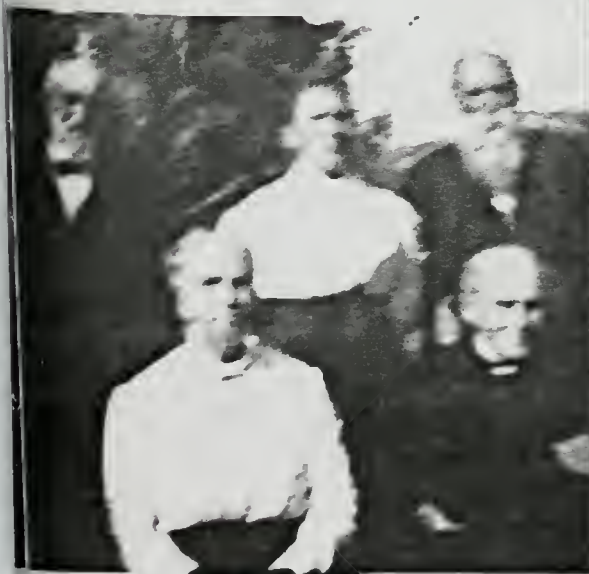
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- 2-- Reuben Franklin BOX Jr-16 (1852)
 sp-Henrietta "Etta" WHITE-53 (1868)
 3-- Ruby "Tots" BOX-54 (1885)
 sp-John PRICE-374
 4-- Pearl PRICE-375 (1901)
 sp-Dan GRADY-377
 4-- Opal PRICE-376 (1906)



Lucy Box and her four sons, l to r
 Jo, Allen, Reuben Jr, Sam



l to r: Charley White, Fannie Box
 Johnson, Betty Box White, Sarah
 Jane Box Guthrie, Sam Box (bef 1917)



Mildred Adeline Box Zane

OFFICERS OF SONOMA COUNTY FROM THE YEAR 1850 UNTIL 1877.

| Time. | State Senator. | Assemblymen. | County Judge. | Sheriff. | County Clerk. | County Treasurer. | District Attorney. | County Surveyor. | County Recorder. | Assessor. | Supt. of Schools. | Public Administrator. |
|---------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1849-50 | J. E. Brackett | J. S. Bradford | H. A. Green | I. Brockman | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1850-51 | A. Stearns | J. S. Bradford | C. P. Wilkins | I. Brockman | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1851-52 | J. M. Cook | L. W. Briggs | P. R. Thompson | I. Brockman | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1852-53 | J. M. Cook | John McKamey | Frank Shattuck | I. Brockman | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1853-54 | J. M. Cook | W. B. Hagan | J. E. McNair | I. Brockman | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1854-55 | J. M. Cook | James Slogley | Wm. Churchman | A. C. Bledsoe | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1855-56 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | A. C. Bledsoe | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1856-57 | J. M. Cook | Richard Harrison | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1857-58 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1858-59 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1859-60 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1860-61 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1861-62 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1862-63 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1863-64 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1864-65 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1865-66 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1866-67 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1867-68 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1868-69 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1869-70 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1870-71 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1871-72 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1872-73 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1873-74 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1874-75 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1875-76 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |
| 1876-77 | J. M. Cook | J. S. Rathburn | Wm. Churchman | E. L. Green | John Handley | A. C. McDougal | J. E. McNair | J. B. Woods | Joel Miller | J. A. Reynolds | R. B. Bosham | J. A. Brewster |

*County Clerk, and ex-officio Superintendent of Schools.



Barn & Vineyard,
Louis Pagan.
Glen Ellen, CA
(Box Ranch)



Lucy Elizabeth (Parker) Box
James Allen "Al" & Reuben Franklin Jr

WINE COUNTRY

CALIFORNIA

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1808 - Reuben Franklin BOX b 8 Dec 1808 in SC; parents unknown (father Josiah?);
 m Lucy Elizabeth PARKER 1 Sep 1836;
 d 7 Jul 1854, Sonoma Co, CA;
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA.

1808 - Wrote SC State Archives & History Dept 11-12-1990 re birth certificate of Reuben Franklin BOX. They replied "No record available."

abt 1820's - Per his daughter Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE in a 1915 interview: "Early in life he acquired a medical education, but never formally entered upon the practice of that profession, but this knowledge provided quite a convenience and help in the rearing of his large family."

abt 1836 -Per Aunt Ora and Uncle Reuben: Reuben Franklin BOX, their grandfather, was a surveyor on the Louisiana Purchase and met Lucy Elizabeth PARKER in Mississippi. No documentation available.

1836 - Since several family sources referred to Reuben and Lucy having been married in or near Greenville, AL I wrote to the Butler County Recorder in Greenville. The reply: "I am sorry to inform you that the courthouse here was burned in April of 1853 and we do not have any records prior to that time. They were all burned." Other sources reported their marriage in Greenville, MS so I wrote to the County Recorder of Washington County in May 1991, and as above, received a prompt reply: "I'm sorry - Our records begin in 1858."

1840 Census, page 61, shows him living in Chickasaw County, MS.

(PLEASE see Sam BOX Notes for 1840 Census entry)

Ophelia Wade's extensive book on the BOX families says he moved to Ouachita Co, AR after 1840. I wrote to Ouachita Co and received the reply: "The Ouachita County Courthouse burned in December 1875 and all records prior to this time were destroyed.."

1840 - letter from Mary Wynonne Box White in 1990 re possible connection to *Josiah and Mildred (POWELL) BOX family I found in the LDS Library in 1989: "I tried to find a Frances F Box, but there is (none)...Reuben F Box was living in Chickasaw in 1840, but moved right after that to Ouachita Co, AR for he was not here in 1845 but still owned land in Chickasaw Co and had to pay tax on it in 1845." (NOTE: *This really excited me when I found these two names and their entire family history in the LDS Library. Careful checking revealed no possible connection to the Reuben Franklin Box family, but it can readily be seen why I thought I was on to something really important:

- 1) We have a William JOSIAH Box;
- 2) " " " MILDRED Adaline Box;
- 3) " " " MILDRED Lenore Box; and
- 4) " " " Samuel POWELL Box, plus the oldest son was often given the maiden name of his mother or grandmother as a middle name;
- 5) Older members of the family always said Reuben Franklin's father was named JOSIAH;
- 6) There was a gap in births between 1804 and 1810, which is just about when Frances & Reuben were born: 1806, 1808.

1842 - Sarah Jane said her father, when she was born on 14 April, was the "owner of a large cotton plantation near Greensborough, MS."

1845 Wade book: "R F BOX, J BOX, 1845, taxes assessed on lands of non-res."

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1851 - 27 May - Reuben Franklin Box, his wife and their 8 children left San Antonio, TX to cross Mexico on foot to Mazatlan, then took the Barque Josephine to San Francisco, landing at the foot of Montgomery St on 9 Sep 1851.

(PLEASE See diary of this trip at end of R F Box Notes

ALSO see Sarah Jane BOX Notes for her version)

Until March 1987, little was known about this adventure. A young man named Ron Loving, in Visalia to attend an annual Jordan family reunion, while talking to Annie Mitchell, a well-known Tulare County historian, read Jane Guthrie Muller's lion hunting story in LOS TULARES which mentions the Box brothers in Tulare County. Annie Mitchell suggested he call Jane for more information. She very kindly told him about my research and interest in the family history, gave him my address, and sent me his. He became quite excited because his family had a diary kept by J E Chism during the trip across Mexico enroute to San Francisco, and a Box family with eight children were mentioned in the diary. He does not know how his family came to have the diary because they are not related to Chism. After a long and mutually enjoyable telephone conversation, he sent me a computer disk with the entire diary on it. The original diary would be a challenge to the most competent cryptographer because it is extremely difficult to decipher but Ron had a typed copy, - sketchy as it was - but a few months later he and I were allowed to see the original for one entire day at which time we were able to decipher at least 350 more words than previously 'decoded.' That "revised" version is what I have included here - a great find, thanks to Ron Loving and Jane Guthrie Muller.

1840's - James X Wilson, great-grandson of Reuben Franklin Box, related stories he had heard about Reuben Franklin Box in a telephone conversation in May 1991:

- 1) The first Court House in Houston, TX was built on the site of the Reuben Franklin Box plantation/ranch;
- 2) R F Box knew General George Yount in Texas when they were growing up and in school together;
- 3) When the R F Box family arrived in San Francisco, they headed directly for Yountville to see George Yount;
- 4) George Yount told R F Box of 300 acres for sale and Box purchased it;
- 5) R F Box was elected a School Board Trustee, but died before he took office.

1852 - per Sarah Jane, his daughter, in a LOS TULARES article: While in Napa Reuben Franklin BOX secured temporary employment and looked for a more permanent location. They "later" moved to Sonoma. Ranching was his vocation. He became a Deputy and later County Tax Assessor.

1853-1854 - He was the second County Assessor for Sonoma County.

1854 - 7 July: Reuben Franklin BOX died and was buried in the Valley Cemetery on MacArthur Street in the city of Sonoma. There is a large obelisk with the Masonic Emblem at his grave in the Box plot: "R F Box - Native of S.C. Born Dec 8 1808, died July 12 1854."

1930's - Undated, unattributed clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"SONOMA OWNS OLD VALLEY CEMETERY - There has been a question long agitating the Sonoma Historic Society - who owns the old Valley Cemetery south of town where sleep so many pioneers?

"A letter to Congressman Lea brings word that the Land office at Washington has a record showing this cemetery was deeded to the city of Sonoma years ago. It is now out of the city limits."

James X Wilson of Santa Rosa, great-grandson of Reuben Franklin BOX, told me

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in April 1991 that his mother, Allie (WHITE) WILSON had inherited some money and used it to erect a cement platform for all the graves in the Box plot. I know that my Aunt Ora (BOX) MATZEN also did much to renovate and maintain the plot. We would often go there with her from her summer home in Glen Ellen and would take flowers to put on the graves.

****and to illustrate the fact that the Reuben Franklin Box descendants continue to gather and enjoy each other's company on occasion I list below the various family reunions that have either come to my attention or that I have personally attended:

1933 or 1934 - Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"BOX FAMILY GATHER IN HAPPY REUNION AT DOYLE PARK -

"Descendants of the pioneer Box family of Sonoma valley assembled at Doyle park, Santa Rosa, Tuesday and held a reunion. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at tables arranged beneath the large oaks. So successful was the affair that the relatives hope to meet each year in happy reunion.

"Among those present were Miss Margaret Box, Los Angeles; Andrew Box and family, Oakland; Mr and Mrs Calvin Bainbridge, Kenwood; Mrs Sam Lewis and daughter, Sonoma; James Wilson and family, Santa Rosa; Mrs Annie Lafferty, daughter and granddaughter, Mrs Benton Whitaker, daughter and granddaughter, Santa Rosa; Mrs Mort Zane and son, Ceres; Miss Lucy Zane, Glen Ellen, and Mr and Mrs Nick Matzen, Petaluma."

1933 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has pictures of Reunion of White, Zane and Box cousins held at May Lewis' home in Sonoma in 1933. Those identifiable are May (WHITE) LEWIS, Sam and Dorothy JOHNSON, Cal and Amy (WHITE) BAINBRIDGE, Will WHITE, Lucy ZANE.....

1935 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has pictures of Box-Matzen reunion at her Glen Ellen summer home.

1950 - Undated clipping in Aunt Anita's 1950 scrapbook on which she wrote in pencil "Sunday April 2 1950" -

"Family Reunion Is Held At McCabe White River Ranch - A family reunion of cousins, all members of pioneer families of eastern Tulare County and all natives of the county, was held Sunday at the McCabe ranch in the White River district. The gathering was featured with a picnic lunch. The day was spent playing baseball, hiking and horseback riding.

"Those enjoying the day were: Mr and Mrs Reuben Box of Stirling City, Butte Co; Mr and Mrs Andrew Box of Oakland; Mrs Bessie Box Martin of Manteca; Mrs Ora Box Matzen of Petaluma; Mr and Mrs (Merrill Macy) Marvin Clark and family and Mr and Mrs (Alice Box) Kenneth Ramsay of Los Angeles; Mr and Mrs (Margaret Box) Walter Reeves and family of Fresno; Mr and Mrs Francis (Jane Guthrie) Muller and family of Ducor; Mr and Mrs John Guthrie and family of White River; Mrs Florence Guthrie of Porterville; Misses Cynthia Uhl and Bertha Uhl of Porterville and Kathryn McCabe of Los Angeles; and Douglas Macy of White River."

1975 - 26 Jul - Box Family Reunion held at Central Park in Fremont. The invitation read: "If your name is: AKINS, ANDERLINE, BALDWIN, BATES, BEHM, BLANKENSHIP, BOX, CAUTHEN, CLEMENS, COLE, DINES, FAUVRE, HERBST, LEWIS, LILLIBRIDGE, MATZEN, MILLER, MORGAN, ORNER, PICKETT, PRITCHARD, RAMSAY, SILIGO, SUTTON or your are married to, or otherwise related to or friendly with persons of said names ... you are invited to attend a family reunion picnic on Sat (7/26)..from 10AM until Sunset at Central Park Fremont... Bring lunch for your own party. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be available for purchase at the



1934 - May White Lewis home in Sonoma: Zane, White, Wilson, Box, Johnson cousins



1936 - Ora Box Matzen summer home, Glen Ellen: Andy Box, May Lewis, Allie Wilson, Bessie Martin, Will White, Lucy Zane, Ora, Amy Bainbridge



1951-McCabe Ranch, White River:
3rd row: Andy & Reuben Box, ?
Addie Box, ?; 2nd row: Kathryn McCabe, Bessie Martin, Mrs Hastings
Anita Box; front, Doug Macy, Ken &



Alice Ramsay, ?
1952 - McCabe Ranch, White River:
1 to r: ? ? Addie, Ora, Kathryn,
Andy, Alice, Ken, ? Reuben, Nick,
Doug



19 Jun 1976-Ila Grace/Ben's 40th Anniversary
Beryl, Elma, Vera, Billy, Addie, Jane,
Nancie, Anita, ? ? Alice, Ila Grace, ?
Ben, Arleen, Vernon



4 Jul 1990: Rear-Ted Cole, ?, Ed/Jodi/Pat Rego; Beryl, Don/Evelyn Behm, Chris/Millie/ Ted (Sr) Cole; Paul Dines, Kerri Cole/ ?, Fran Box; Front- Lisa/Amber Box, Glen Akins Paul Box, Dana Box, Alice Akins, Lori/Rudy/ Britnev Haapanen, Allen Box, Mary Jean Dines, Katie Brown



4 Jul 1990 at Dana/Allen Box's, Fremont:
The Box Women: l to r-Pat, Fran, Evelyn,
Alice, Beryl, Chris



14 Aug 1982 at Norm/Fran Box's, Fair Oaks:
Rear: Andy Box, Rudy/Lori Haapanen, Paul,
Bud/Mary Jean Dines; Glenn & Paul Box, ?
Jon Box/Katie, Vernon Siligo, Don Behm,

Wayne & Don Orner, Fran Box; Seated: Norm,
Jan/Anita/Norm Rnx. Anita & Addie Box.
Karen & Elaine Siligo, Beryl, Charlotte &
Vicky Orner

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park's snack bar. The Swim Lagoon will be open and there are boats for rent.
 "No RSVP necessary. If you have questions prior to the picnic, contact:

Beryl (Box) Orner... Addie R Box... Alice (Box) Akins...

At this time there is no specific area designated for this event, but if you don't immediately spot a familiar face or long-lost relative, ask for Al Box at the Swim Lagoon or call his home in Fremont if you are hopelessly lost. He'll be at the park all day.

If you have any old family pictures or memorabilia, bring them along. It has been much too long since some of us have seen each other, so we hope everybody can come and attach faces to all those names heard in a multitude of lives."

In attendance were: Anita (ANDERLINI) BOX; Fran and Norman BOX; Addie (MEAL) BOX; Ben and Ila Grace MATZEN; Allen and Judy (HURT) BOX, their sons Jon with Katie BROWN, Glenn and Paul BOX; Judy's mother, Lurline LEWIS; Don and Evelyn (BOX) BEHM; Glen and Alice (BOX) AKINS; Elma (BOX) Clemens, her daughter Jane (MORGAN) BLANKENSHIP, her son Bill MORGAN and his daughter, Edre MORGAN; Alex PRITCHARD, his daughter Mary Jean (PRITCHARD) DINES and her husband "Bud;" and his daughter Letitia (PRITCHARD) SUTTON and her husband, Peter; Alyce TEANEY and her daughter, Lee Ann ("adopted" cousins and close friends of Alice); Ann and Bob RAMSAY.

1982 - 23 May - Box family reunion was held at Norman and Fran's lovely home in Fair Oaks, a suburb of Sacramento, CA. The invitation read: "Box Family Reunion - Sunday - May 23, 1982 - 11AM - Norman & Fran Box, 8509 Annette Engel Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 - Please extend this invitation to members of your family. Just let us know how many to expect. We plan to have hamburgers, hot dogs, beer & soft drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert or whatever? Swimming if desired with ?weather? RSVP by May 15. Please bring any scrapbooks, pictures or family memories to share."

Those attending and enjoying a buffet lunch and swimming in the pool, were: Anita (ANDERLINI) BOX, Beryl (BOX) and Don ORNER, Wayne and Vicky (ELSNER) ORNER, Charlotte (ORNER) LOEFFEL, Fran (LAVELLE) and Norman BOX, Jan (GERBER) and Andy BOX and their two children, Norman and Anita, Addie (MEAL) BOX and her three children: 1) Alice (BOX) and Glen Akins; 2) Evelyn (BOX) and Donnal BEHM; 3) Judy (HURT) and Allen BOX, their son Jon BOX and Katie BROWN, Aunt Anita's nephew, Vernon SILIGO and his wife Karen, and Addie's niece, Mary Jean (PRITCHARD) DINES, her son Paul, daughter Lori and her husband, Rudy HAAPANEN.

1990 - 4 July - We had a Box family reunion at Allen and Dana Box's home in Fremont, CA. Attending were: Beryl (BOX) ORNER, Fran (LAVELLE) BOX, Ted and Christine (BOX) COLE, their daughter, Kerri COLE and her boyfriend, Ted's parents, Millie and Ted COLE, Don and Evelyn (BOX) Behm, Glen and Alice (BOX) AKINS, Ed and Pat (BOX) Rego and their daughter Jodi with her boy friend; Paul, Lisa and Amber BOX, Mary Jean (PRITCHARD) DINES, her son, Paul DINES, and daughter and husband, Rudy, Lori (DINES) and Britney HAAPANEN.

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CHISM DIARY (Reuben Franklin BOX family journey - 1851)

The following diary of J E Chism covers the journey of Reuben Franklin BOX, his wife, Lucy Elizabeth (PARKER) BOX, and their 8 children, ranging in age from 18 months to 14 years, from Texas (I don't know where they lived or where they started from), overland across Mexico and by barque from Mazatlan to San Francisco Bay. I have the passenger list of the barque Josephine documenting their passage thereon, landing at Montgomery Street Wharf in San Francisco. We believe they went to Yountville after landing, then to the Glen Ellen-Kenwood area of Sonoma County where they lived on the "old Box ranch" near Glen Ellen.

The diary came to me from Ron Loving, who does not know how his family got a copy. His cousin has the original which I was privileged to look at one entire day. Very difficult to decipher, but Ron and I were able to add quite a few more words to the original 'translation' and came up with this 'edited' and more complete copy.

The diary was copied verbatim into the computer with as few distracting notes as possible. The numbers in front of each paragraph refer to the page number of the diary. The blanks indicate where words were completely illegible.

"1.

J.E. Chism

May 27, 1851

San Antone

Thence to Casterville (Castroville) 25 miles to _____
thence to Lincoln 46 miles, thence to Eagle Pass, 88 miles.

The _____ the best land I ever saw. Fine water, timbers
aplenty, to rail fence, coarse grass. _____.

2.

The country from thereon to the _____ Lake salt. The News (Neves?) is poor and too saline. Would not sprout peas from there to the Rio Grande. So poor the grass will not grow even past describing. The total distance from grass town (Houston!!) to the Rio Grande 275 miles.

3. June 1, 1851 Mexico. There river crossed and the Mexican side at Eagle Pass Post and camp three miles out. S (start) Pretty running creek, its course East and West. Sand poor, grass bad. 2. South up a pretty creek for thirty miles. Good road. Level plain, generally. So poor it has no grass, but little timber. Neither houses or barns. Camp at ranch San Fernando. Good water. The head of the _____ creek.

4. In a chapparal thicket. There can and has been thousands of acres of valley on this same creek. Irrigated. It in time a considerable town and settlement. They are rebuilding fast, generally adobe, sand, rock. Treated kindly here by the natives. Plenty of

provisions to sell. 3 day S. W. C(ourse) - Pretty valley, alluvial soil. Low brush wood, for 15 miles, good water _____ the mountain. Rugged mountains to the right and left. This day travelled 20 miles.

5. (day) 4. Course S.-W. Pass down the mountain through a level barren plain. 30 miles to a pretty running creek, its course N and S. Met the rangers this day. Storm and hail at night. Some timber. Sand. Good valley.

(day) 5. S W through a pretty valley 5 miles to creek. Good land (or sand?). Pretty grass and weed. Low grass brush, woods, River Sabinas. _____ large cypress (cypress?) timber. Good land.

6. Thence west to Santa Rosa, 10 miles. All good sand. Some timbers. Very old town, gone to waste. Rich mines in the mountains. 6 (sixth day) Camp, good water. Thence south east ten miles. Through the pass in the mountain turn south, high mountain to the right. Barren waste to the left. 35 miles this day. Water plenty. 7 (seventh day) South continued, face of the country the same to El Niairas, the Spanish garrison.

7. At a pass in the mountains. Thirty miles this day. Three Commanche smokes in sight. Met some Mexican soldiers today. Examined the garrison. Pretty place. Prettiest passway to the house I have seen. Seventh day from the Pass Eagle. 8 (eighth day) West of South course up the valley El Mamanus. Water, salt for 20 miles. High mountains on each side. Thousands of acres that has been

8. irrigated and cultivated gone to waste. Old forts and houses falling down. Thousands of acres of corn in sight. 30 miles this day. Camped at good water in sight of Monclova, the ancient capital of Coahuila. 9 (ninth day). The town is wasting away. Farms gone to waste. Thousands of acres _____ and _____ people.

9. The town surrounded by high mountains on three sides. Situated in a lone vale built of stone and dobes. Old stone castle to the right. Promenade to the right. Sycamore trees planted on each side two feet over large stone settees up and down. Pretty water on each side. Thence south through a gap in the mountains, 10 miles. Pretty ranch and water

10. plenty. 24 miles from this water the next. Indians about. Course south. 10 (tenth day) Came to water, Jacob's well. Draw & water.

Course south. Forty miles to a pool of water called San Philipio. Rock wall the best we have seen. The best road I ever saw. Level from one to five miles wide. Immense walls of rock on mountain, each side, 5 to 700 feet high. Barren

11. waste except small bushes, prickly pears, mescal, a few muscats _____ up the road. 30 miles from Saltillo (Saltillo) to the left, 15 miles west to a creek. This is a very narrow pass across very high mountains. Camp. Start from camp, lost all day in the mountains.

Found ourselves. Camped at ranch 5 miles until 10 o'clock in the morning. Thence 15 miles to ranch.

12. Our course West, water and corn plenty. It is 4 in the evening. Camped. 20 miles this day to water, plenty. Thence West of South, a few shade trees this morning. Some rocks. Water. We take wrong road up in mountains among the Indians. Fine, wealthy ranches. Is deserted and gone to waste on account of the Indians we saw. Some 300 acres of cotton growing

13. the fourth year from the seed, all alone. Lost all this day. Found ourselves. Met the Mexican Rangers at water, 30 miles course West. Dinner. Thence to 25 miles to water and grass. Camp all night. Thence to Parsess (Parras) course South 05 miles. Camp Evansons ranch. Here two days and nights. Take a look at Passes on

14. Saints Day. A grand sight. All passes and the surrounding country in one grand procession. Flag up. Bells tolling. The buildings down there like in appearance to the buildings of olden times. The people too. Thousand years behind the times. Thence West 30 miles. Dinner.

15. June 21, 1851. One month today since we left Houston. Dinner. 30 miles west of passes, all well. R. F. Box says he has not seen one stick of timber large enough to stop a plow in Mexico. And cooked breakfast this morning with _____ grass.

J. E. Chism
J. V. Chism
R. F. Box
Mrs. Lucy Box

16. And eight children. Hix, Wiginton, Murphy, McKinney. General course West 12 miles to water at Fort Painyah in a pass in the mountains. Thence 28 miles, pretty valley all the way to Alimo. The pass is a pretty place, well watered. The most flourishing place that we have passed. Good land and water, no timber in sight. Some shades that

17. has been planted. People and town clean. Thence 35 miles to pass, also fine well of water from Alma. The pass is the Pasocalvo. The road runs up hill between two high mountains. The pass from 40 to 500 yards wide. No water or timber. General course is South West. Thence West 42 miles to Quinco way. The road rocky and crooked is very bad. Water no place.

18. On 2 _____ water, corn 75 cents per peck. Silver forge. Pretty place. Dinner. Thence up the mountain. Course West over the same lower camp. 6 miles to Tank Clacko for watering one horse. Road crooked and bad, travel slow. Water warm. No timber. Some brush, no grass. Stock plenty. Horses, mules, cows, goats, sheep, etc. Thence west to Tapeons. The prettiest

19. road. Rich land. Horses, any amount. 35 miles this day. Camp 9 o'clock at night, 300 yards from the fort. Fired on by the Mexican cannon 18 or 20 times but with effect the balls passed over. Fell beyond from 50 to 100 yards. We pacified them without the fire of a gun on our part. We was not afraid and thought it the best policy under the circumstances. Kept our grounds

20. until morning at light. Marched in the Mexicans formed for battle. We marched right up to them and it made them ashamed and they dispersed. Breakfast. Thence to Sansis. 21 miles course West. A pretty place. _____ water here. Thence 6 miles to Nigays in the same valley. Thousands of horses in sight. Also sheep, goats, 00 miles square in a farm. 25 miles this day. Thence

21. to Chorao 18 miles. The best grass and timber for 500 miles. Thence to camp. 30 miles this day. Thence

Tavern - drunk on 5 _____ in T - _____ Durango.

to Durango 15 miles. 2 days and 3 night in the Mormon St. Anna, a good house. Fruit plenty. Some sickness. Small Pock plenty. Left this place on Tuesday

22. The 2nd of July 1851 for Mazatlan. 21 miles this day. Camped at water. Thence up the mountain a winding path to the height of 1000 feet. Silver ore plenty in going up. 20 miles this day. Camped at ranch. Rain. The mountains fine timber, pine, oak, juniper and mahogany trees. Thence up and up again the height of several thousand feet

23. this the 4th day of July 1851. Cold enough for winter time. Rain and wind. Game plenty, grass fine. A pretty mountain country. Two ranches. The people all killed by the Indians. Property destroyed. 35 miles this day to camp. Ranch Mason. Rain. Mrs Box sick. Silver ore plenty all through the mountains, and I believe gold.

24. Black sand and flint plenty. Lay by one day here. Thence onward. Awful mountains. Winding path. Heavy timber. 30 miles this day to a ranch in a small valley of rich land. Thence up and over mountains passed imagination. Small valleys of rich land. Gold and silver plenty. Timber resembling all kinds I ever saw, though not exactly the same. Rain awful. 39

25. miles this day. Camped at ranch on the bank of a creek. The mountains two miles high on each (side?). Heavy timber cover on the mountains growing so steep. Nearly straight up. Thence up the mountain by a winding path similar to a fence woven to a great height and down to the river Baluarte. Cross and over another mountain. Some

26. two miles high. The path so narrow that pack mules could not pass each other. Man on horse make a blunder he will probably fall one half mile. Passed the river Chechetas. Up the mountain to ranch

camp. Left two horses today, on the way. 15 or 20 miles this day. Rain. Thence onward and upward a winding path to height of 3 miles.

27. Look West and see the Pacific. A grand sight. View the water like one never ending blue mountain. Invested with white heavy timbered country. Every prospect of gold and silver. Old works. Grinding mill and forge for silver. Very old work. The first 5 or 6 days some times the timbers, grass, weeds, etc. resemble spring, summer, fall and

28. some times cold enough for winter. At the same time fruits of all kinds green and ripe and blossoms. No timbers that I ever saw before save the pine though sometimes (something?) to resemble everything that I ever saw of the timber or weed kind and thousand that I never saw before. Pasmach _____ tree 10 inches threw.

29. Camp at ranch. Near the foot of the mountain. Thermal spring. Here a German gives me some information about the country, sand and - 15 miles this day. Thence up the mountain 6 miles. The natives are digging silver ore on each side the road in abundance. Fruit of all kinds that grow in any climate. Tropical.

30. Camp. Thence onward. I sit on the cut of a (knney?) locust tree 7 feet through at the base. The mountains here are almost made up of rich metals. Mostly silver, some gold, coppers, iron, etc. Thick timbered country. Spring eternally. Oh how delightful to look if it was in some other place. But it will not do here.

31. The inhabitants are more debased than the Indians of the southwest. Onward. Pretty valley. Rich land. Thick timber. Every tree fruit ripe. Fruit and blooms on the same tree. Stop for the (night) at a Mason in a pretty little town three or four miles from the foot of the mountains. Ten women to one man. A good many white women. 35 miles day. Thence onward. The _____

32. & growth about the same. Then the old town of Mazatlan. One of oldest towns I have ever saw. One mile to the river Rio Grande. Camp on the bank. 25 miles this day. Pretty weather. Very warm. Thence to the port of Mazatlan. 20 miles. 3 days in this place. Thence onboard Bark Josephine. Then tonight a gale. Saw sickness on board.

33. English captain jumped overboard. Some problem about getting off Wednesday the 23rd of July, 1851. Hauling up the anchor on prospect of being off. Remaining here until Sunday the 27th. Just 15 days today in Mazatlan and the Harlen Colony on a Bark close by. 8 days to Cape St. Lucas. 2 (day) at this place, plenty of provisions, hen fruit in abundance.

34. But little same at this place. Thence to sea. Canvas and head winds all the time up to the 18 day of August. Landed at old San Francisco on the 9th of September. Stopped at the Atlantic Hotel, Long Wharf. 3 days at this place. All life and bussell. The best harbor in the world.

35. Thousands of shipping of all kinds from every nation under heaven. All manner of vegetables and fruits brought in to this market. Cabbage as large as a peck measure. Beets as large as gallon pot. Melons as large as I ever saw. Dry goods cheap. Groceries moderate. Many (money?) by the wagon load.

36. From this to Stockton on the Sophia steam. Situated on an arm of the bay. A flourishing place. Business flush. Money plenty. This place supplies all the southern mines with everything that man needs. The consequence is a continual flow of money to this place and

37. is bound from the nature of things to continue to be a great place of business. From this place to the mines of Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Mariposa.

Thence West to
San Jose 10 miles
all good land
Some timber very
old some can be
waste rich mines
in the mountains
6 camp good water
Thence S.E. 17 miles
these are the palms in
the mountains
Large S. high mountain
to the right Basin
wrest to the left 35
miles this day water
plenty
Took continued
face of the country
the same to E. E. man
the Spanish Garrison
the palms in the
Main town 50 miles
this day. 9 Comanche
Dances in the night
Some Mexican Salces
the day. Expansion the
garrison pretty pl
-ace prettiest palmar
to the House I have
A day from the
Palms to the
Q. M. of South course
up the Valley El M
-manus. water Sal
for 20 miles high M
-mains on each
side thousands of
acres that has

Following is a list of the place names and some of the mileages mentioned in the diary:

5/21/1851 Houston
 5/27 San Antonio
 Casterville (Castroville)
 Lincoln
 Eagle Pass

 News (Neves?)

 6/1 Eagle Pass Post (into Mexico)
 South up a creek for 30 miles
 6/2 Ranch San Fernando
 6/3 Unnamed town & settlement - 20 miles
 6/4 Course SW - Creek running N & S - 30 miles
 6/5 SW through valley, 5 miles to creek
 River Sabinas
 Santa Rosa - SE 10 miles; S 25 miles
 6/7 El Niairas (Spanish Garrison)
 Continued South 30 miles
 6/8 Valley El Mamanus
 Monclova sighted, ancient capitol of Coahuila
 10 miles S - 24 miles to next water
 6/9 S through gap in mountains
 6/10 Jacob's Well - S 40 miles
 Pool of water called San Philipio
 30 miles from Saltillo to the left
 15 miles W to a creek
 Narrow pass, high mountains
 6/11 Lost - Camped at ranch - 15 miles to ranch
 West 20 miles
 6/12 Lost - 30 miles W
 (From this point on some of the dates are confusing)
 30 miles W
 25 miles to water and grass
 S 5 miles to
 6/13 Parras
 6/14-15 Camp at Evanson's Ranch 2 nights
 6/16 West 30 miles - Saints' Day
 6/21 25 days since San Antonio/30 days from Houston
 12 miles
 Fort Painyah (Pena?)
 28 miles - Alimo
 35 miles to a pass
 Alma (Juan Aldama)
 Pasocalvo Pass
 SW then W 42 miles to Quinco Way
 Course W 6 miles to Tank Clacko
 Tapeons
 35 miles - camped 50 to 100 yds from a Mexican
 fort - Mexicans fired on them
 Sansis - 21 miles W
 6 miles to Nigaya

25 miles to Chora
18 miles
30 miles
Durango 15 miles
2 days, 3 nights at Mormon St Anna

7/2 21 miles; 20 miles
7/4 35 miles - Ranch Mason (Mrs Box sick)
30 miles
39 miles (very rugged mountains)
River Baluarte
River Chechetas - 15 or 20 miles
See Pacific Ocean
Thermal spring
15 miles - up mountain 6 miles
35 miles
1 miles to river Rio Grande (!?)
25 miles this day
Port of Mazatlan - 20 miles
3 days, then board Barque Josephine

7/23 Supposed to leave, but stayed until
7/27 15 days in Mazatlan today

8/3 8 days to Cape St Lucas
8/4-5 2 days there
8/18 Canvas and head winds until 18 Aug

9/9 LANDED SAN FRANCISCO, foot of Montgomery Street"

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From SAN FRANCISCO SHIP PASSENGER LISTS by Louis J Rasmussen, Volume II (A Volume of the SHIP 'N RAIL Series) San Francisco Historic Records, 1204 Nimitz Drive, Colma, California. 979.461 R1843:

SHIP: JOSEPHINE
TYPE; Barque FROM; Mazatlan, Mexico
ARRIVED; Sept 9, 1851 CAPTAIN: Wheeler
PASSAGE: 40 days from Mazatlan, Mexico
CARGO: In Ballast

(Among the 50 passengers listed are:) ".....

J E Chism (believed to be man who wrote diary)
J W Chism

Mrs F. Box (Lucy Elizabeth (PARKER) BOX
Miss Elizabeth BOX
 (Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" (BOX) WHITE)
Miss Sarah BOX
 (Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE)
Miss Mildred BOX

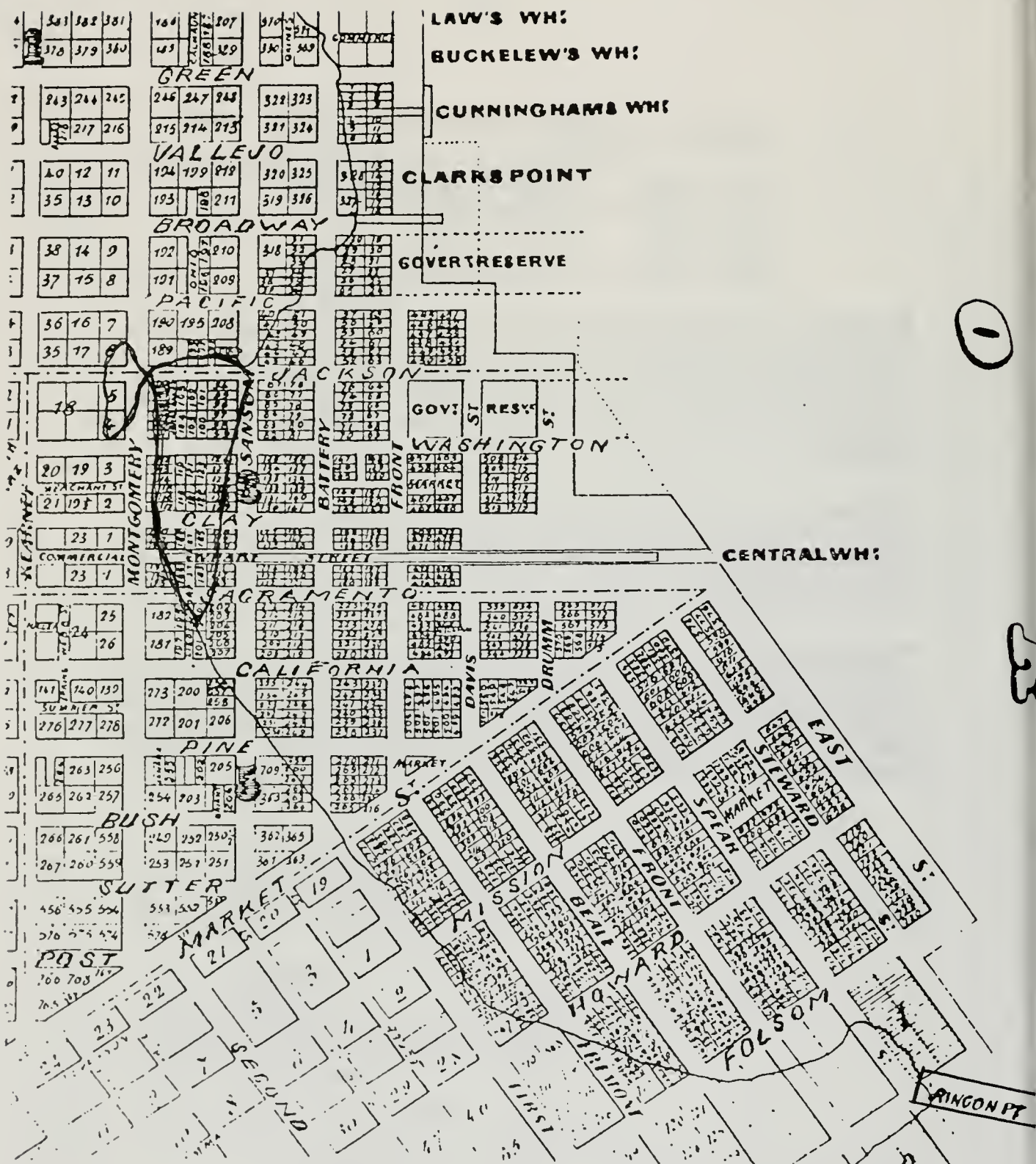
(Mildred Adaline "Ad" (BOX) ZANE
 Miss May F. BOX
 (Mary Frances "Fanny" (BOX) JOHNSON)
 R. F. BOX (Reuben Franklin BOX)
 J. A. BOX (James Allen BOX)
 E. F. BOX (Elijah BOX)
 W. J. BOX (William Josiah BOX)
 S. F. BOX (Samuel Powell BOX)

Records of the California Society of Pioneers show that a ship named JOSEPHINE was among those "buried in the Montgomery Street fill and in the mud in February, 1857. It is believed that most of these vessels were moved to the Rincon Point area for salvage of their wood and metal. The degree of salvage conducted was not specific in early records."

Attached to the above page I have a map of "San Francisco's Waterfront Area in 1851" showing the line of San Francisco Bay at that time, where the pier at the foot of Montgomery Street would have been, and the location of Rincon Point.

Neither the National Maritime Museum in San Francisco nor the Maritime Museum in Mystic Seaport, Connecticut have the ship's log for the above 1851 journey from Mazatlan to San Francisco. The Mystic Seaport Curator told me it might be in the National Archives, General Research Section, Washington DC. It was not there in Sep 1990.

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SAN FRANCISCO'S WATERFRONT AREA IN 1851
(see Introduction and Page xviii)

--Courtesy of California
Society of Pioneers

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1817 - Lucy Elizabeth PARKER, b 13 Dec 1817, AL
 Parents: Samuel PARKER, Fanny MILLER
 m Reuben Franklin BOX 1 Sep 1836
 d 29 Dec 1893, Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA

1836 - In reply to 14 Feb 1991 letter with regard to the marriage of Reuben Franklin BOX and Lucy Elizabeth PARKER possibly taking place in Greenville, AL on 1 Sept 1836, the Butler County Probate Office replied on 19 Feb:
 "I am sorry to inform you that the courthouse here was burned in April of 1853 and we do not have any records prior to that time. They were all burned."

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| 1837 - Mary Frances "Fanny" | b 13 July, Chickasaw Co, MS |
| 1839 - Samuel Powell "Sam" | b 16 Jan, " " " |
| 1840 - Mildred Adaline "Ad" | b 16 July " " " |
| 1842 - Sarah Jane "Jin" | b 14 Apr " " " |
| 1844 - Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" | b 8 Mar (Texas?) |
| 1846 - William Josiah "Jo" | b 17 Mar, "in log cabin, no roof" in TX |
| 1848 - James Allen "Al" | b 9 Mar, in TX |
| 1849 - Elijah | b 20 Oct, in TX (d 1851/1852 Napa Co) |
| 1854 - Reuben Franklin Jr | b 16 Mar, Sonoma Co, CA |

1860 Census, CA, p643 Sonoma Co Sonoma Twp, taken 27 Jul 1860 by A P Averton
 "Lucy A (sic) BOX, 46, Female, \$800 prop; \$800 psnl property; born Miss (sic)"
 Samuel, 23, Male, \$100 personal property, born Miss.
 Betsy (hard to read - must be Elizabeth, called "Betty"), 17, Female
 Josiah, 13, Male Allen, 11, Male Reuben, 8 Male

1866 - Purchased 104.97 Acres from Wm Hood (see WHERE AND WHEN for details)

1870 Census, CA, Sonoma Township, Sonoma County, #3333:
 "BOX, Lucy, 53, Female, White, Keeping House, \$3150 prop; \$1350 psnl; b AL
 Samuel P, 32, Male, White, Farmer, born Miss.
 Josiah, 24, Male, White, Farmer, born Texas
 Reuben, 16, Male, White, born Cal.next entry is:
 "JOHNSON, Mary, 53, Female, White, Keeping house, Born Miss.
 (Something wrong with this age: she would have been 33 in 1870)
 Annie, 14, Female, White, born Cal.
 Dora, 11, Female, White, born Cal.
 Samuel, 9, Male, White, born Cal.
 Ada, 4, Female, White, born Cal"

1875 - per Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE in 1915: Lucy BOX had boarders and Fannie (Guthrie) helped her grandmother with them by washing dishes, sweeping and scrubbing.

1877 - Entry in HISTORICAL ATLAS OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (Illustrated)
 1877, for Sonoma Township, Page 101:
 "Name: Box, Mrs Lucy; Residence, Sonoma; Business, Farmer; Nativity, Alabama;
 When Came to State, 1851; to County, 1852; Post Office, Glen Ellen, 115 Acres"
 "Name: Box, Samuel P; (Residence & Business same as his mother's above)
 Nativity, Mississippi; (State and Co and Post Office same as above), 9 Acres"
 (NOTE: Atlas map gives Lucy 105 acres, not 115)

1879 - 16 Dec - Lucy Box sold to Samuel P & James A Box 'for... support for life of Lucy Box and one dollar to her in hand paid, (land) known as 'Box'

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place... & on which Lucy now resides...keep, maintain & support Lucy for & during her natural life.'" ...and they did! (per M Wiltshire, Kenwood)

1880 - Letter sent to me by J X Wilson of Santa Rosa, from Lucy's older sister, Elizabeth Rose: (another 'literal' translation of difficult to read James Joyce-type manuscript) "Cadasetta, Suner Co, Miss - July 4th 1880
- Dear Sister, after Some delay I will Try to answer your letter of Febuary last - ...we are all in good health at this time the country is generally healthy, crops are very good... but beginning to Suffer for rain. I have just been to See Aunt Prisilla I found her not very well She fell out of Doors and was hurt very badly but was improving an as lively as ever She lives with her son Jim on the Scott old Place; Brother Family is well and doing well; all the Relatives are well... there is a man by the name of Sledge lives on your old Place "Lucy I do not know what to write it has been so long, and So many changes...Laura Parker has been corresponding with you She has given the Family news generally; if there is anything or any boddy you want to hear about if you will write who or what it is I will give you all the information I can Lucy from the way you ask about our ages I think you have lost the old Family Record i will copy it as I have the original and and Send the copy to you I have mother's old hymn Book one of her dresses one of her capes which I aprise verry high; write as soon as you get this we have not heard from Martin since last April. Your loving sister, Elizabeth Rose." (Family Record she copied attached to letter) (NOTE: Cadasetta and Suner Co are non-existent in my 2 Atlases, but since "your old place" is mentioned I will try to find the location in MS)

1884 - letter from Lucy, evidently back home in Glen Ellen, to her "son and daughter" never identified, but could possibly be either William Josiah and his wife, married in 1883, or Reuben Franklin Jr and his wife, married in 1884 Letter written in brown ink, Spencerian scrpt, sometimes difficult to read, but copied verbatim with unreadable or questionable words marked with "?":
"Oct the 16 1884/ Dear Son & Daughter, we arivd home the same day we left, I am once more at my home Sweet home it is a paradise to me evry thing looks beautiful we went to Conference 2nd day & staid 3 nights with Bettie Seen Lize Walt Annie & the 2 children all well we saw lots of the bretherren Pendergrass _____? _____ Russel Simmons. S Brown Neel Br Cooper & a host more & heard the Bishop Preach & heard Bro Davies funeral preach it was all good, but it rained all the time & made it disagreeable the Streets wet we got home monday night Conference broke up Tuesday, Allen has 7 men digging potatoes & grating Corn won't commence picking till monday if then if it keeps raining poor Allen is blew about the wether & the persentey (?) on the grapes the wether is unsettled now we look for Samy to night, Lucy & George (ZANE) was hear yesterday Elmus (ZANE) is makeing wine old Pat cut Harrys Wises throat or marked it so deep he liked to of bleed to death There hapen to be a doctor ther and saved him pat was drunk & didn't know anything about it he hates it so bad. Harry is all right now Uncle Jo Williams is no better & Smidth & Crone (?) has sewd him for back rent & they are in apeak of trouble & him so weak he sent for me to come & see him. I haven't been any were yet only to Conference. now Son do the best you can you can realise how Allen feels he is bothered. I hope the wether will settle the Sun is shining now, Jo has Sold his grapes to Cohler. Allen has Pike Head for a teamster he aims to rush things when he can he said he never did want to see his mother so bad in his life, we have wines Ci_ehen & fonnie (?) or I think we can runn it through this vintage. As ever, Love to all, nomore, good bye, L Box"

1891 - Nov 10 letter from Fannie (BOX) JOHNSON to her sister Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE makes reference to Lucy's move to the "cottage house": "...Mother will

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live in Los Guilicos. Al built a nice Cottage house. She will move this week. Lucy W (Lucy Katherine WHITE) will live with her.....Mother seems to be satisfied. I saw her yesterday at the old home. Ben (Benton WHITAKER, married to Addie JOHNSON, Fannie's daughter) & family live there. He is foreman. I think when Mother gets settled She will be contented. You know She is one of the best persons in the world to be satisfied with her lot in life....."

1892 - letter from Lucy to her daughter, Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE in Tulare County, written from South Los Guilicos. Per Aunt Ora she moved there in late 1891 and lived in the "cottage house" built by her son, James Allen. This letter written on an 8-1/2"x11" lined sheet of paper with "Tropical And Semi-Tropical Fruits and Nuts - General Remarks - Varieties." written in capital letters across the top. The paper is lined and she writes right over the printing, in difficult-to-read Spencerian script, and copied verbatim: "South Los guilocus, April the 1 1892/ Dear Daughter I re your letter one week ago today for which I was too glad to hear from you & all I am Sorry you are in poor health I think a Trip up here will help you we will all be glad to see you & little Reubie I hope Etta (WHITE) BOX - Reuben Franklin Jr's wife) is well & will get along all right with the Babies & let Reubie Come with you, I went to Santa Rosa last Friday with Charly White & staid all night with Mrs Head & Frank Come in Saturday evening & I went home with him & staid all night with them & Sunday 27 was Georges (ZANE) birthday Grace (JOHNSON) ZANE) & Amy (WHITE) BAINBRIDGE) had him a nice dinner we all went but Charly & little Willie Frank & Miss Gibbons & May in a spring waggon & Bettee (BOX) ZANE) Allie ((WHITE) WILSON) & I in the buggy Miss Gibbens is there School Teacher. Joe (ZANE) & Adaline (BOX) ZANE) & Willis (ZANE) & Mort (ZANE) there family & Fannie (BOX) JOHNSON) Sam (JOHNSON) & Dorothy (FICKAS) JOHNSON) & Mrs Johnson Grace's Mother & her little Sister & A B Wear & his Son it is Wear's place that George lives on Just 20 in all for dinner. They had a good dinner Turkey, Chictens, Sallads & Cakes, pies different kinds & pickles & everything & they all went to there homes but me & staid with George & Grace (ZANE) till Wednesday.

Grace & I went over to Fannies & Frank come after me to come home we had rain plenty roads Sloppy & is now raining. Frank brought me home yesterday found Amy & Lucy well it is raining now the ground is full of water it has put all the farmers back with there crops, Joe or Adaline & Mort was here last night & Mr Carriage & wife & Miss Taslor & two youngmen had Music Joe plaid the Fiddle Miss Taslor the Piano all went home after 9 o'clock. Jane it was a little remarkable our last letters hapen so I __?_ thought about it being on Bette birthday it was just to be so & you thought about it & there in the house I know you thought lots I have his Picture over my mantlebord I see it everyday I know where he is lade I think so often how far apart we are but I hope we will all be together Some day. I was glad to hear you all & Fannie McCabe's good luck I wrote to Allen it was a boy I was glad to hear you mention all your Children's Names I think it will be the very thing for Laura to learn Telegraphy. Addie (JOHNSON) WHITAKER) & the little ones was up to see me yesterday all well Rena (WHITAKER) had a little Croupy Cough Addie & the little ones are going to stay at her Mother's a month or so while they Carpet & renovate & fix the house you won't hardly know the old place when you Come, Jane. We are all well so far as I know I am not bothered with my rheumatism as I was last winter I am in good health have gained 7 pounds Since I have lived here __?_ you will excuse all this mixed up with Love to each & evry one of you I am your Loveing Mother." (Note written in margin of first page: "I Saw An Mi __?_ She is no notion of liveing with Will She talked some of moveing to Oakland."

1893 - In Nov 1989, Bob Parmalee, a retired Sonoma attorney and history buff,

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sent me to the Bates, Evans & Fehrensens Mortuary on Broadway across from the high school in Sonoma. They took over from Bates and have old records up to 1917. They had nothing on S P Box, but they did copy for me the burial record of Lucy Parker Box:

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|-----------------------|--|
| "Name of Dec'd: | Lucy Box |
| Late Residence: | Kenwood |
| Age: | 76 years, 13 months(sic)
(NOTE: She was exactly 76 years, 27 days!) |
| Cause of Death: | Paralysis |
| Certifying Physician: | Dr Smith |
| Date of Death: | Dec 30 |
| Date of Burial: | Dec 31 |
| Funeral at House or: | Meth Church |
| Place of Burial: | Valley Cemetery" |

1893 - 30 Dec Sonoma Index-Tribune reported:

"Mrs Box, one of the earliest settlers of Los Guillicos Valley, is lying dangerously ill at her home in this town (Kenwood)."

1894 - Dick Foorman, of the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation, very kindly sent me an obituary clipping from the first issue of the Sonoma Index-Tribune in Jan 1894"

"Death of Grandma Box - Mrs Lucy Box, one of the early pioneer women of Sonoma Valley, died at the home of her grand-daughter Mrs Cole, at Kenwood, on Friday of last week. The deceased had been ailing for a long time and her death was not unexpected. Mrs Box, with her husband, located in Sonoma Valley forty-two years ago, and raised a large family of children, and the descendants in this and adjoining counties are said to number nearly one hundred. She was the mother of Allen, Isiah and Samuel Box, and of Mrs Judge Zane, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Guthrie and Mrs White. Mrs Box was born in Mississippi and was aged 78 years. The funeral took place from her residence in Kenwood last Sunday, the remains being interred in Valley Cemetery in this place. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends."

1895 - Probate Microfiche Index in Santa Rosa: 1847 - 1924 A-C shows that in 1895, Probate #2580, Estate of Lucy Box was filed in Register #4, p 235. I had a copy made of this document, but it is very difficult to read. There was no will filed for Lucy Box in either 1893, 1894 or 1895 according to the Will Index.

1895 - 4 Oct Probate for estate of Lucy Box: (copied verbatim with errors of age uncorrected to allow uncluttered reading)

"... Superior Court Of the County of Sonoma, State of California Probate - In the Matter of the Estate of Lucy Box, Deceased - Petition for Letters of Administration To the Hon R F Crawford, Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Sonoma, State of California.

"The Petition of Joel M. Zane...respectfully shows: That Lucy Box died on or about the 30th day of December 1893 in the same County.....That said deceased, at the time of her death, was a resident of said County.....left estate in said County....consisting of real property. That the value and character of said property, so far as known to your applicant are as follows, to wit: House and Cotg (?Perhaps the cottage referred to in letters?) in Village of Kenwood in said County of the value of about \$450.00.

"That the estate and effects for or in respect of which Letters of Administration are hereby applied for do not exceed the value of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

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 "That the next of kin of said deceased, and whom your petitioner is advised and believes and therefore alleges to be the heirs at law of said deceased is Mildred Zane, her daughter, aged Fifty-five years, residing at Glen Ellen, Cal; her son, J. A. Box, aged 41 yrs, residing at Trinity Co, Cal; Mrs F Johnson, her daughter, aged 4 yrs, residing at Petaluma, Cal; Elizabeth White, her daughter, aged about 44 yrs; Wm J Box, her son, aged about 48 yrs residing at Tulare Co, Cal; Sarah J Guthrie, daughter, aged 53 yrs at Tulare Co; Samuel P Box, son, residing at Tulare Co, aged 55 yrs; R (Ruby) Box, a granddaughter aged 7 yrs residing at Tulare Co, Cal;

"That due search and inquiry have been made to ascertain if said deceased left any will and testament, but none have been found, and according to the best knowledge...and belief of your petitioner...deceased died intestate.

"That your petitioner, Joel M Zane is a son-in-law of said deceased and has been requested to act by those entitled and therefore as your petitioner is advised and believes is entitled to Letters of Administration of said estate;

"That said request is signed by all heirs entitled to letters and is filed herewith.....Wherefore, your petitioner

prays that a day of court may be appointed for hearing this application, that due notice thereof be given by the Clerk of said court by posting notices according to law, and that upon said hearing, and the proofs to be adduced, Letters of Administration of said estate may be issued to your petitioner.

"And your petitioner will ever pray, &c. (signed) Joel M Zane

(signed) A V Ware, Attorney for Petitioner Dated Oct 22 A.D. 1895"

1937 - In Finley's HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY, p 362:

"Glen Ellen, another historic wine section of this county. One of the oldest wineries there, established by Joshua Chauvet (NOTE: a neighbor of Joel Mortimer ZANE and Mildred Adaline (BOX) ZANE) continues operation under the ownership of Angela Pagani & Charles J Pagani."

The Pagani family now (1991) live in the old Box ranch house in Glen Ellen.

1990 - Margaret Wiltshire of Kenwood told me that the Wildwood Dairy, one of the earliest dairies in the area, at the Wildwood train stop near the Kenwood Restaurant and Bar on Highway 12, was earlier the Lucy Box property. When Allen and I visited what we believed to be the ranch 28 May 1982, it was owned by Louis & Olive Pagani. They invited us into the house and told us they had owned it since 1918 and that the house was built about 1870.

(See WHERE AND WHEN chapter for further details on land)

1991 - In Jan Margaret Wiltshire found the following mention of the Box Ranch property in VINEYARDS IN SONOMA CO, by I DeTurk, 1893:

"Hodge, Robert, Los Guilicos: Total 10A; all in bearing; soil dark loam; valley southern exposure; crop 36T" And since the Paganis still have vineyards on the same property, the tradition of "The Box Brothers, Vineyardists" continues!

1991 - There is a commercial postcard sold in the Glen Ellen-Kenwood area that features the barn and fall colors of the Box ranch vineyard....and a fitting close for the Lucy Box Notes is Margaret Wiltshire's comment on the house that was built for Lucy: "I have often seen people stopping to paint this old home, as well as the colorful vineyard adjacent, when it turns red in the fall. I, too, have photographed it. So I envy you having been in the old house...for now we know the property is the same as now owned by Louis Pagani."

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SANTA ROSA, CAL.

Lucy Elizabeth Parker Box with sons James Allen (l) and Reuben Franklin Jr
(about 1858)



Lucy's Glen Ellen home as it looked
in May 1962



Lucy (abt 1882)

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1837 - Mary Frances "Fanny" BOX b 13 Jul 1837, Chickasaw Co, MS
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX, Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m 5 Nov 1854 to Clem Albert "Dick" JOHNSON, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 9 Sep 1924, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA

1854 - Sonoma County Marriage Book A, Page 37 entry per Margaret Wiltshire:
 "I hereby certify that the rites of marriage were celebrated between C. A.
 Johnson and Miss M. F. Box by me a regular ordained Minister of the Gospel of
 Christ, Nov. 5, 1854, State of California, Sonoma County. J. C. Pendergrass,
 Filed Nov 15 1854, _____ Menefee, Clerk and Recorder, by Joel Miller, Deputy"

aft 1854 - Daughters Annie and Addie born - dates unknown. (See Annie's Notes)
 Addie m Benton WHITAKER 13 Apr 1882, Santa Rosa Township
 dau Rena m DeROSE; a dau Berneice or Gladys?;
 dau Hazel m WOODHOUSE - no children

1858 - Dora J b 24 Dec - m George E COLE 25 Nov 1875, Santa Rosa Township
 d 12 Mar 1936 dau Edith Frances m ? PODLECH bef 1936

1861 - 22 Feb Son Samuel "Sam" W born. (See his Notes)

1889 -12 Feb letter from Fanny to her sister Sarah Jane (verbatim)"
 "Dear Sister, "It has been a long time since I have seen a
 letter from you. I did intend to write to you soon as I came home from Mother
 For awhile I was there. I read two of your good newsy letters. When I got
 home I found Rena with hooping cough & now she has the Mumps on one side
 & is very cross. You know how a child is. She goes fast & can talk very well.
 "I had a Splendid visit at Mother's, Anna's (pbly Annie JOHNSON LAFFERTY)
 and Add's (Ad JOHNSON WHITAKER or Ad BOX ZANE). I was gone nearly 3 weeks. If
 I only was well it seems to me that I could enjoy myself. I have not had a
 day since last Oct but I am in pain. I dread for night to come. About 3 Oct
 every night my back and sides commence to ache. The Dr says it is Neuralgia.
 I think it is Rheumatism. My body is swelled. I have not worn a corset for
 4 months. You know I always wore them. I think I will surely get better
 when warm weather comes. We are having a dry spell. I hope it will soon
 rain. But it is foggy every morning which is a great help for the grass.
 Our stock looks well. But some of the neighbors are poor. Sam (JOHNSON, her son)
 will be home this week. He has been working away from home since Nov. I
 am anxious for him to be home. They have not pruned their vines yet. Sam
 thought they would try late pruning this year, perhaps would miss the May
 & June wind when the vines are in bloom. Their wine is good they made last
 year, but not sold as wine is low now. We milk 3 cows, make butter to sell,
 get 50 cts a ??roll or sale??. We have peas in bloom. Turnip, Lettuce &
 Radish to eat. Plenty cabbage. We have had no very cold weather yet this
 winter. Some _____? a wet Spring. I hope you have got over your Spell.
 Mother said your health was not good. Sister Add is in bad health. Write
 when you hear from Poor Will (ZANE??) I so often think of him. I rec (sic)
 a letter from Dora (JOHNSON COLE), all well. They did not come up Christmas.
 I have not seen her since last Sept, I was down then. I want you to write
 me all the news & how all your children are getting on & our Bro (sic) are.
 I wrote to Bro Josiah (BOX) not long ago. I will write soon to Bro Sam (BOX)
 Mother talks so much of the little ones. She is so glad she went to see you
 all. Her visit I think will do her good as She is getting fleshy. You know
 she was very thin. Mother said you & Mary was coming up to Doctor Wilfred.
 Dora's address is 648 Howard Street. I hope you will. I think it will do

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him good. They are having a time at Glen Ellen dividing the district. There are hard feelings among the neighbors. Write soon. I will write to Laura. Where is her address? Mother said she was not at home. Give my love to Mary and kiss all the children for me. Goodbye, Your Sister, Fan."

1890 - Great Register of Voters for Sonoma Co 1890 lists: "Johnson, Clem Albert, 60, VA (should be TN), farmer, Santa Rosa Twp" (per M Wiltshire)

1891 10 Nov Letter from Fannie to her sister Sarah Jane (verbatim):
 "Dear Sister, I rec your ever welcome letter... I would of answered sooner but was busy cooking for the vintage men. I had 4 & Mother & Rena (WHITAKER) part of the time. Sam (JOHNSON) had 40 tons but only got \$7 per ton. We are through with the first crop. There is a good second but price to low to pick them. Mother staid nearly 3 weeks with me. She was here when I got my letter. She was as glad as I was to hear from you. Mother will live in Los Guilicos. Al built a nice Cottage house. She will move this week. Lucy W (WHITE) will live with her. She has the Los Guilicos Office. \$50 is her salary. Lucy is doing well. Amy is talking of learning Telegraphy under Lucy. Mother seams to be satisfied. I saw her yesterday at the old home. Ben (WHITAKER) & family live there. He is foreman, I think. When Mother gets settled She will be contented. You know She is one of the best persons in the world to be satisfied with her lot in life..?.. She & Lucy & Addie & children & myself went to The City Friday, came back Sunday eve. I staid there Sunday night. Mother & Lucy Z (ZANE) came over Monday to see about some of her things. Mother was a while in a deep study, then She was as usual. I know she was lonesome - Al (BOX) gone so far off. He is in Trinity Co. Addie brought me home yesterday (Monday). I feel lonely this eve - no one here but Sam (JOHNSON) & me. We found Dora (JOHNSON) & family well. She is very fleshy. Eda (Edith Frances COLE) grows fast. She is tall. Rena (WHITAKER) staid with me last week. She cries to stay with Sam & me. Ben & A (Addie JOHNSON WHITAKER) is so lonesome without her. Sam & I are as bad as they. I don't think it is right to live with our grandchildren & have them to be so dissatisfied when they move. The dear little ones don't understand the cause. Hazel (WHITAKER) is as much bothered as Rena. She cries to come home. We may not stay on this place. Sam & the man that bought the place don't agree about the rent. They have not made any arrangements as yet. Sam is looking around to try & do better if he can. Sister Bettie (BOX WHITE) has been sick in bed 2 weeks the most of the time. The Dr says her age is partly the cause. Sister A (probably Adaline BOX ZANE) is not very well, Lucy (ZANE) said, but not in bed. George (ZANE) is to be married soon to Grace (JOHNSON) He staid here 1 night last week. He said he was going to Tulare soon. I was going to send your clock by him. I saw Lucy (ZANE). She wants me to express it this week, so I will do so next Friday the 13 to Porterville in care of John Berryhill as Lucy said you wrote to her. I hate to give it up - it is such good company. I have my clock home now but it don't strike. Water's wife is quite sick, a mishap." (NOTE: No signature, so a page may be missing)

1898 - 14 Apr Letter Fanny BOX JOHNSON in Newman, Stanislaus Co, CA while visiting her brother, Al BOX, to Clara Jane GUTHRIE UHL at Uhl Station in Tulare Co, CA on Clara's birthday, and coincidentally, the birthday of Clara's mother, Sarah Jane BOX GUTHRIE (verbatim): "Dear Clara, Ed & family, "I have been thinking all morning of you and your Mother. It being your birthday, your 36, she 56. Your uncle Al (BOX) dreamed of you last night. He told his dream at breakfast. When I told him today was your birthday he said that let his dream out. He dreamed you and he was off somewhere together. You wanted a drink of water. He could not find any. You told him a lady in a room close by had water. He thought it was right, so he slipped in the room, got

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water off her table she put there for her baby. He took the water to you. You seemed to be thirsty & lots more to it. We are well, he busy plowing & irrigating, 3 men besides himself. Next week will have more men as the work is crowding them. I see letters from your Ma (Sarah Jane BOX GUTHRIE), Aunt Add (Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX ZANE), Dorothy (Dorothy FICKAS JOHNSON?), & Rena (Rena WHITAKER) last week.

"Your Mother wrote of John's (John F GUTHRIE) family having measles & poor Josiah's (Wm Josiah BOX) eyes being sore again. I do wish he would or could do some thing. I think the Lagrippe has settled in them. His eyes are weak & it always settles in the weakest place.

"Sister Add (ZANE) has heard from Willie (ZANE, her son) again. He is well in Dawson. Elmus (ZANE) started the 5th of this month for Alaska. He aimed to go to Willie. Lucy White (dau of Elizabeth Caroline BOX WHITE) not well off on a vacation. The rest all well.

"Dorothy (FICKAS JOHNSON) wrote they were well but Sam (JOHNSON) was just getting over a billious spell. I suppose chills. She always calls them billious spells. Alice (JOHNSON, Sam & Dorothy's dau) has a cough from that fever last fall. Rena (WHITAKER) wrote all were well. Her Aunt Dora (JOHNSON COLE) was there. She was there when the Earthquake came as Benton (WHITAKER) was away from home that night. I expect Addie would of had a nervous spell. She was so frightened. She always is nervous when Ben is gone at night. It must of been very severe there from the piece in the paper. Addie sent us some Sonoma Co. papers, which we enjoy to read.

"Newman is quite a place. There are a good deal of business going on. So many trains go by in 24 hours. They go night & day every two & three hours. I have been to both Churches - Methodist & Presbyterian. A good size brick school house, 4 teachers. I don't know how many Scholars attend.

"Yesterday was very warm & last night. Thermometer was 100 for 4 hours, 90 at 10 o'clock. This morning not so warm, a little cloudy.

"I tell you this irrigating is a big job. It looks nice to see the water running on the thirsty ground - Al has 82 per acre for the water. The frost killed most of Al's fruit. They will have some, not enough for use.

"Ed, what do you think about the war? I hope we won't have any. Some of these folks say that our President (McKinley) is a Catholic. I have heard Republicans & Democrats say he was. They said they voted for him, did not know it at the time. I don't think he is. I know he has been waiting to hear from the Pope & it seemed he was waiting to give the Spanish a chance to ready to fight us. Still I think it the best to not be in a hurry. This war doings is awful. I hope our Nation will keep in peace with all Nations. Some of these men here want war. They say Spain has slapped us in the face by doing as they did with the Maine.

"How is your crop & garden? Al has no garden yet but aims to put in some yet. I think is rather late, but as they irrigate it may not be. Did the frost do you any damage? It did Samie (Sam JOHNSON probably). He won't have half crop of fruit. Too bad so much damage to fruit. Joe Zane cherry orchard all killed. Clara, it is out back of the house near the hill about 2 acres. They are 8 years old or 9, been bearing some time. Add hates it. She won't have scarcely a mess from the way they look now, she says. "I don't know how long I will stay here - as long as all keep well I feel contented. Your uncle told me last night he would like for me to stay till the rush of work was over. I will if all keep well at home. I sometimes get homesick. Nice I have a good time with Al. I don't know when we will get together again. I was sorry I did not see Will. He ought to of come while I was there. I so often think of the good time I had with you all, Clara. The quilt pieces are fine. I am going to go to work on them soon. I brought my pattern. I thank you for them. "I will write to Fannie next. I have written to Laura. She not answered yet.

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Girls, you must write to me. Should you write while I am at Newman be sure to put in Al Box care.

How is Laura Caldwell? (Descendant of Frances F BOX CALDWELL, sister of Reuben Franklin BOX) Has Cousin Liz gone to Santa Rosa yet? I am busy sewing making some basques. I ripped up my old black satteen basque, cut out me two more calico ones. I wish I could see my Poet Cliff (UHL) today. Hoping all are well & doing well. I suppose the girls are at School. You must all take care of yourselves. Hoping to hear soon. With love to all. I want you all to kiss Cliff for Aunt Fanny. Good to Write soon.

(Written upside down on Page 3 of this letter):

"How is your Mother's health? Is it any better since she saw Will? I was in hope he would come here. I hope she will get well of her spell.

"..I had rheumatism some in my shoulder some time ago & some in my hands. I hurt my right hand. I slept on it. Did you ever hear of any one sleeping on their hand? I did & made it black. My knuckles are sore now to touch them. I wrote to your Mama how I did it. She can tell you if you think to ask her.

(On Page 1 above date and salutation, she wrote:

"Wishing you many happy birthdays & your Mother, too. Write soon- tell me all the news. I am anxious to hear from you since Al's dream. Girls write, too."

1910 - Information copied from Clem Albert JOHNSON's death certificate in the Sonoma County Administration Center, Santa Rosa (23 Jan 1991):

"JOHNSON, Clem Albert, d 21 Nov 1910, age 89, of 'old age & general debility' in Sonoma Co Hospital; male, white, widowed, farmer; b 20 Jan 1821, TN, mother b in Germany; lived in CA 40 yrs; had lived at place of death 2 yrs; buried Masonic Cemetery, Sonoma, 23 Nov 1910; Death Certificate signed by Dora COLE of Petaluma (his daughter)"

1918 - 21 Dec postcard from Fanny in Santa Rosa to her nephew, Reuben P BOX in Trinity Center: "I hope you are all well & Andy will soon be with you. My dearest love to you all. With love, your aunt, Fanny Johnson."

1924 - 9 Sep - Fannie died in Santa Rosa and is buried in Valley Cemetery in Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA in the Box family plot with her father, mother and two brothers.

1991 - In a telephone conversation with James X Wilson, grand-nephew of Fanny Box Johnson, he said that Robert Jenkins, great-grandchild of Fanny, had married a woman who "took him for everything" and that "everything" included the original Johnson property. The only other great-grandchild, Gladys DeRose, did not receive her share of the estate.

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aft 1854 - Annie JOHNSON b (date unknown, but after 1854)

Parents Clem Albert "Dick" JOHNSON & Mary Frances "Fanny" BOX
m Henry Clay LAFFERTY 22 Feb 1872, Sonoma Township, CA
d 15 Jan 1939, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

1872 - Sonoma County Marriages 1847-1902, Book C, Page 175:

"Johnson, Annie D (or O?) and Henry C Lafferty, 22 Feb 1872 by James W Waters,
Justice of the Peace 1871-73, Sonoma Twp."

1939 - Obituary in Aunt Anita's scrapbook whereon she wrote in pen the date
of the newspaper article, 1/17/39 (same obit in Aunt Ora's scrapbook):

"ANNIE LAFFERTY DIES IN S. ROSA - Mrs Annie Lafferty, widow of Henry
C Lafferty, and member of one of Sonoma county's best known families, who had
been ill for several weeks, died Sunday morning at her home on Ninth street,
Santa Rosa. Mrs Lafferty resided for years on a ranch near Petaluma
and had many friends here.

"Mrs Lafferty was a daughter of a pioneer family, and the granddaughter of the
late Reuben Box, Sonoma county's first assessor. (NOTE: was actually the second)
Mrs Lafferty is survived by a daughter, Mrs Mary E Jenkins, of Santa Rosa, a
sister, Mrs Addie Whitaker, also of Santa Rosa, and a brother, Samuel Johnson
of Stockton. Two grandchildren, Gladys and Robert Jenkins both of Santa Rosa
also survive.

"A member of the Santa Rosa Lodge, Women of Woodcraft, Mrs Lafferty had taken an
active part in the work of the organization until her health failed and she was
forced to give up all outside activities."
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1861 - Samuel W "Sam" JOHNSON b 22 Feb 1861, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents - Clem Albert "Dick" JOHNSON & Mary Frances "Fanny" BOX
 m Dorothy B FICKAS
 d 13 Feb 1952, Stockton, San Joaquin Co, CA
 bur 16 Feb 1952 " " "

1990 - Sam Johnson is quoted extensively in a late 1990 Sonoma Index-Tribune article on the Dunbar School sent to me by Margaret Wiltshire of Kenwood: "S.W. Johnson, who was born in Kenwood..., wrote 'The old days were much different in the public schools!' He went on to say they learned their ABCs from the newspaper. Johnson's Uncle Alec Dunbar, who had five sons, provided school for them and the other Kenwood kids. Several families got together with him at the head and formed a school district. 'Uncle Alec gave the land and an old chicken house for the first schoolhouse. The kids all rode horseback to school,...' "Johnson goes on to say, in his colorful 19th century way, 'The neighbors turned out and took to the roosts. That was the first school.' The article goes on to state that Dunbar was one of the first public schools organized in Sonoma County, had an initial enrollment of 21 students (average attendance of 16). Mary Linder was the first teacher and received a monthly salary of about \$50 for 10 months. The school's entire first-year budget was \$500. The school was named Dunbar when it started and was in the Dunbar Union School District, joining the Sonoma Valley Unified District many years later. Enterprise School on Sonoma Mountain and Trinity School in the Mayacamas Mountains joined with Dunbar and in September 1930 they all moved into the new school building. (Margaret's grand-nephews go to Dunbar now)

1952 - Obituary in Anita's scrapbook: "Samuel W Johnson, retired farmer, died in his home...yesterday, the victim of a heart ailment. Had he lived until Washington's Birthday he would have been 91 years old. A native of Sonoma Co. Johnson lived near his birthplace until he was 30, when he moved to Shasta Co. There he engaged in stock raising and owned a prune orchard. He came to this (Stockton) area in 1922 and had a small farm on Linden Road. He took up his residence on Inman Street about 18 months ago, with his wife, Dorothy. "Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 o'clock at the B C Wallace & Son mortuary, with interment following in Park View Cemetery. "Surviving, besides his widow, are a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His daughter is Mrs Chester J Margason of Stockton. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs Addie Whitaker of Santa Rosa."

1962 - 29 Feb letter from Dorothy to Anita & Reuben Box:

"Dear Folks - Thanks for your nice letter. Sorry you could not have been here for Sam's funeral. It was very nice and he looked so nice and restful. He suffered only a few hours and passed on holding both of my hands. About 15 days before his last, he had a bad attack and failed fast after that. Day before he passed on talked about all you folks. How fond he was of Reuben and Andrew and when he was with Uncle Sam when a boy - and seemed quite lonesome.

"He was fearful of being confined to bed and that I would leave him during my sickness as he seemed so helpless. I have not left him only for a few hours for some time. It is hard to lose a 'pal' you have had for 60 years.

"I am staying on here (stay with Alice at nights) so if you come by be sure and come to see me. Thanks and love and best wishes to all. Dorothy."

1952 - 13 Feb - "In Remembrance" card from his funeral which gives birthdate - 22 Feb 1861, death date - 13 Feb 1952, and funeral services dates, 16 Feb 1952 at 11 A M. Services were at B. C. Wallace & Son Chapel, Stockton, CA, Rev. Benjamin Smith, Minister.... Interment at Park View Cemetery.

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1968 - Aunt Anita's book memorial card: "In memory of Dorothy B Johnson, Passed Away Sep 11 1968; Services in the B C Wallace & Son Chapel, Stockton, CA, Sep 13 1968 at 11:30AM, Rev William P Hunt...Interment Park View Cemetery."

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THESE folks remember Kenwood before there was a town there. Left to right, S. W. Johnson, Stockton; Mrs. C. E. Bainbridge, unofficial Kenwood historian; Mrs. S. W.

Johnson, who "learned A, B, C's" from the old Sonoma Democrat (forerunner of today's Press Democrat), C. E. Bainbridge.



Sam JOHNSON on his 90th Birthday
22 February 1951



Sam JOHNSON and his wife, Dorothy
(FICKAS) JOHNSON 1951

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1839 - Samuel "Sam" Powell BOX b 16 Jan 1839, Chickasaw Co, MS
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Elma Jane HOWELL 25 Nov 1884, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 d 27 Apr 1917 Lane Hospital, San Francisco, SF Co, CA
 bur 30 Apr 1917 Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA
 PLEASE see Elma Jane HOWELL notes for more information

1840 - U S Census for the Northern District of Mississippi,
 Chickasaw Co, shows, in exquisite Spencerian script:

"Reuben F Box;

1 male under 5 (Sam);

1 male 30 under 40 (Reuben F Box);

1 female under 5 (Mary Frances "Fannie" Box);

1 female 20 under 30 (Lucy Elizabeth Parker Box);

"Slaves, Males - 2 under 10; 1 10 under 20; 1 36 under 55;

"Slaves, Females - 1 under 10; 1 10 under 24; TOTAL - 10;
 Number of persons in each family employed in AGRICULTURE - 5."

1842 or 46? - The Reuben F BOX family reportedly moved to Texas.

1851 - 27 May to 9 Sep: Reuben and Lucy BOX and their 8 children left
 Texas, crossed Mexico to the Pacific Coast at Mazatlan then up the coast to
 San Francisco on the Barque Josephine. (See diary of this journey in Reuben
 Franklin BOX's Notes for details)

1851 - Sometime in the 1940's, Aunt Ora gave me a handwritten sheet filled
 with family information, among which was the following about her father. This
 is secondary information, probably heard from her father and his family,
 and as the diary shows, there are errors of fact herein:
 "My father was the 2nd child of Reuben Franklin and Lucy Elizabeth Box - was
 born Jan 16 1839 near Greenville, Miss., lived there till 3 yrs, then moved to
 60 miles northeast of Austin, Texas where they lived till he was 13 years. Then
 crossed Isthmus of Panama to Mazatlan, Mex. on muleback with father & mother &
 several children where they waited & waited for a ship to S.F. Owing to the
 gold rush, very few ships sailed & not many ever returned as the crews deserted
 them as soon as they reached S.F. bay. After a bad voyage and a 'calm' of 17
 days, when all they had to eat was a ladle of dry beans each day, they finally
 reached S.F. bay & docked at the wharf which was at Montgomery St. in those
 days. 1851 - lived near Yountville 6 mo. then moved to old home in Sonoma
 Valley. Samuel Powell Box married Elma Jane Howell on Nov. 25, 1884, at
 Porterville, Tulare Co., Calif. He was 46 years & she 19-1/2....."

1866 - Lucy BOX purchased 525 acres from Wm HOOD and this was the family
 home until shortly before her death. Sam was a co-owner later, and helped his
 mother the rest of her life.

1872 - Sam bought 6/10 of an Acres of land in Santa Rosa (see WHERE AND WHEN)

*** - And here begins the saga of THE MURDER,
 a motivating force in the writing of this history - ***

1872 - One of the reasons I became so interested in the Box family history
 was the discovery when I was about 11 years old that my grandfather,
 Samuel Powell BOX had shot and killed Washington GUTHRIE, the husband
 of his sister, Sarah Jane, on 13 October 1872. Everyone in the family -
 both Box and Guthrie branches - acknowledged that this happened, but

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the variations in the story are fascinating, and to the present time (Nov 1989) no substantiation has been found. It allegedly happened at the Glen Ellen ranch. There are several apochryphal versions:

1) Wash was evidently a philanderer, and it became so bad at one point that Sam told him to leave, and if he ever came back Sam would kill him. Wash returned for some reason. Sam, Sarah and her five children were on the porch of the old ranch house. Sam ordered Wash to leave, and when he refused, Sam shot him;

2) One version has it that Wash pulled a pistol at the same moment Sam aimed his shotgun or rifle--they shot simultaneously-- Wash's bullet lodged in the barrel of Sam's gun but Sam's bullet killed Wash;

3) Another version is that as Wash reached into his pocket for the candy he had brought for his children, Sam, thinking he was reaching for a gun, shot him;

4) And still another version, told to me by J X Wilson, (Betty BOX's grandson) was that Wash Guthrie came down the road headed for the Box place and told a neighbor that he was on his way to shoot a 'skunk'-- a 'two-legged skunk.' The neighbor ran ahead and warned Sam so he could be prepared when Wash arrived.

1989 - In Nov Bob Parmalee, attorney, Sonoma County author and history buff, referred me to Alley's HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY (1880) as a source for Glen Ellen murder facts. I found that pp 160-168 lists Homicides, but there is no reference to either Box or Guthrie, plus the trials skip from 1871 to 1874.

My cousin, Dr Ben MATZEN, (son of Ora [BOX] MATZEN) of Sonoma, said there was a trial and that Sam was acquitted by reason of self-defense, but...No record of a trial, hearing, inquest, etc has been found to date, (1991) despite three trips to the Sonoma County Recorder's Office (May 1982, Nov 1989 and Jan 1991). In 1982 the book with trials of Oct 1872 was missing from the files. In 1989, despite the efforts of efficient and helpful people in the micro-film section, nothing turned up. In 1991, a very interested and cooperative Microfilm Technician, Patty Wertz, went beyond the call of duty in trying to help me find any Superior or Municipal Court Records. Nothing at all was found.

1990 - In a letter of 5 Mar, Jane(GUTHRIE) MULLER, great-grand-daughter of Wash GUTHRIE, the victim, wrote: "...You mentioned that you were told that Sam shot Wash at the Box Ranch. I wish I could dredge up from my memory exactly what my father said when he and my mother and I were up there in the spring of 1938. I remember him pointing to a house quite a distance from the road and saying that was the place. I thought that Grandma Jin and he lived out in the country somewhere and that she stayed on there after they separated-- and that he came there to visit his children that morning."

1982 - Also, in 1982, my brother and I went to the offices of the Sonoma-Democrat and scanned hundreds of microfilmed 1872-1873 newspaper pages looking for some mention of the murder. Nothing! The only reference to Sam Box was on 15 Feb 1873 with regard to delinquent taxes.

1991 - 8 April letter from John F Burns, Chief of Archives, California State Archives in Sacramento: "...in response to your letter of April 1 re Samuel Powell Box, ...we are unable to locate any state agency records. We have checked records of the State Supreme Court, Sonoma County Court cases on file here at the State Archives, and the San Quentin Prison Index. "If Mr Box was indeed acquitted by reason of self-defense, it must have occurred at the Superior Court level. Had his case been appealed, we would most

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likely have some information on him. Superior Court records are county records and would, unfortunately, lead you back to Sonoma County.....Good luck...."

***** (and here, for the first time, are the FACTS of the case:) *****

....and on 22 Apr "good luck" materialized in the form of a letter from Sibylle Zemitis, Reference Librarian in the California Section of the California State Library in Sacramento. She enclosed the following clippings: first, from the Petaluma Argus of 18 Oct 1872:

"SHOCKING HOMICIDE

"A terrible tragedy was enacted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock about eight miles from Sonoma on the Santa Rosa road, which resulted in the shooting and instant death of a man named Wash Guthrie, a citizen of Santa Rosa, by his brother-in-law, Samuel Box. The particulars as we learn them are as follows: Guthrie has for some time been

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And she has been living with her mother and brother at their home in Guillicos Valley, on the Santa Rosa road. Having several children, Guthrie has long endeavored to get possession of them, and at the last three terms of Court was unsuccessful in his attempt to get them in his custody by a course of law. Since that time he has given considerable annoyance to his family, and fears have been entertained that he would abduct the children. Yesterday morning he

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... and the second clipping, from the San Francisco Alta of 14 Oct 1872:

"A Man Tries to Obtain the Custody of His Children and is Killed in the Attempt. -----By Telegraph. Santa Rosa, October 13th.--This morning about eleven o'clock Samuel Box shot and killed Washington Guthrie, some twelve miles from this place. The difficulty occurred regarding the custody of the children of the deceased, five in number, who had been awarded by Courts in three different cases to the custody of Mr. Box. The deceased went to the residence of Mr. Box to take the children away by force, and was killed in the attempt. Mr. Box came to Santa Rosa and surrendered himself to the custody of the Sheriff. The case is regarded as clearly one of justifiable homicide. The coroner is now holding an inquest, the result of which will be given to-morrow."

1872 - 17 Oct - A microfilm ordered (Apr 1991) through Interlibrary Loan of the Daily Alta California, San Francisco, for the month of Oct 1872, showed on Page 2 of the 17 Oct issue:

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From the Newspaper Collection, California Section,
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*** - and thus ends the story of "THE MURDER" - ***

1873 - Decker & Jewett sold 9.68 Acres to the four BOX brothers: Sam, Wm Josiah, James Allen & Reuben Franklin (Jr), (See WHERE AND WHEN)

1873 - In Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:
"Uncle Sam first came (to White River) in the fall of 1873. Old Bald Hornet, a strawberry roan, was his horse..."

1874 - In the Handbook & Directory - Napa, Lake & Sonoma Counties, CA, Page 149: "Box, S. P., Farmer, Santa Rosa Road, 11 m. S. Santa Rosa, Glenellen."

1875 - GUTHRIE FAMILY history excerpt: "When (Uncle Sam) came again, in 1875, Grandma Box came with him to visit, and they took Fannie (GUTHRIE) back with them to go to school in Santa Rosa. 'When Uncle Sam and Grandma and I went up to Sonoma County in '75, it rained on us nearly all the way. We had a regular covered wagon and did not get wet. We had a bed in the wagon, but we stopped to 'visit' all along the way (NOTE: Some things in this family NEVER change!). There were no hotels for us to stay in if we had wanted them. When we crossed the Kings River, it was very swollen with the rains and floods. Uncle Sam asked about crossing the creek, and folks thought he could cross; so we crossed on the bridge, but we were told at the next town that the bridge went out soon after we crossed.'"

1879 - 16 Dec - Samuel P & James A BOX, 'for & in consideration of support for life of Lucy BOX and one dollar to her in hand paid, 'bought land on which Lucy now resides.

1880 - Munro-Fraser's history of 1880, page 456: "Temple Lodge, No 14, F & A M, organized 1851, by 1880 with membership of 35, S P Box, J D" (per M Wiltshire)

1884-1885 - McKENNY's 8-COUNTY DIRECTORY lists on p 223, for Sonoma County - Geyserville-Glen Ellen: "Box Bros (Samuel P and James A Box), vineyardists and farmers, Santa Rosa road two miles north of Glen Ellen;..." "Box Jas A (Box Bros)..." "Box Mrs Lucie, res two miles north of Glen Ellen;..." "Box Samuel P (Box Bros)"

1884 - 25 Nov, married Elma Jane HOWELL, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA by Rev Gilliam, in the residence of James CRABTREE. He was 46, she was 19. They supposedly met in Cordelia, where Elma was teaching school. James CRABTREE married a Pauline MORELAND according to information sent to me by Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER in March 1991. Elma's mother, Margaret Jane (MORELAND) HOWELL, had a younger sister named "Paulina" according to an entry in the Howell Family Pictorial Register, so if "Paulina" and "Pauline" are the same person, Elma and Sam were married in the home of her aunt.

1884-1897 - Sam purchased what was to become known as the "Grapevine Ranch" near White River, CA and they lived there until 1897. The road up the steep hill adjacent to the ranch became known as "Sam Box Hill." In a 1980 letter, Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER said "Did I tell you the hill just this side of their place is still known as the Box Hill? My mother said her family would haul two wagon loads of lumber from their sawmill at Capinero, near Pine Flat, to the

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top of that hill, then load it all on one wagon and come on down to the vally. Sam BOX was called "Mr Grapevine" and in some Tulare Co articles the Sam BOX ranch is referred to as the "Grapevine Ranch." A letter from Less Guthrie to Flo Manter 11 Feb 1908 reported: "Mr Vaughn had Charlie Slinkard and Arthur Kilbreath arrested for breaking into his house here at the old Box place & stealing a lot of stuff." In April 1985 Jane said Vaughn bought the place from Sam, then McFarlane (sp?) bought from Vaughn. Presently owned by people who lease it out for cattle. There were about 15 Brahma bulls in the yard when we were there. Jane thinks it likely that this is the original house where the first 5 Box children were born... very possibly with her great-grandmother as midwife.

A July 1987 letter from Jane brought an interesting up-date on the Sam Box White River ranch: "...Marian told us the present owner of the Sam Box place is Jim Baxley, the fellow who has the new home on the hill just up from the place where we ate our lunch. He is part owner of the White River Dairy down the road from our house, here in Ducor. ... he might be glad to sell the house and area around it to get some money to help make the payments on the rest of the ranch. On the other hand, he is renting that part to someone else for a little extra money -- the owner of those Brahma cattle that made us somewhat uneasy.." (NOTE: Jane, my brother Allen, and I had climbed the fence and gone in to take a closer look at the house, barn, outhouse, root cellar and the "Old Box Ranch" in general. The Brahma cattle were the only ones "at home" to greet us that day.)

1889 - 10 Feb letter from Mary Ellen WHITE GUTHRIE to her sisters, one of whom was Etta WHITE BOX, widow of Reuben Franklin BOX Jr. Copy of letter sent to me by Jane GUTHRIE MULLER in Mar 1984 because she said it showed the kindness of Sam and Elma BOX. Excerpts: "My dear sisters,.... Aunt Elma (wife of Sam Box) went to see you today but found no one there. Uncle Sam (Box) brought me good news from Liza (sister) and Steve (Hildebrand, her husband, in jail as result of fight) He thinks he will come out all right. He went with Liza to visit Steve. Said she was well but lonesome... Aunt Elma and Uncle Sam was all the company we had today. They came this afternoon. John (Franklin Guthrie) was gone all morning. We got so lonesome we took the children and went walking...."

1892 - Letter copied during a summer visit to Aunt Anita BOX in the 1970's, from my grandfather, Sam BOX to his mother when my father, Andrew Howell BOX was born 16 Dec 1892, including a P.S. from my grandmother, Elma (HOWELL) BOX:

"12 January 1893, Dear Mother: "We got your good letter written on your birthday and we wrote on the same day. Well, we are getting along well. Elma is not very stout, but James Andy Howell is a very strong, healthy child. Lucy E, or Bessie as we call her, fell and stuck a stick in her eye and part of it stayed in her eye for 6 days. We thought it was all out and she was very troublesome and suffered awfully. I don't think the sight is affected, but it is very sore yet. I was down and saw Macy's fine Girl - it is a fine child. "I got a letter from sister Fanny and hope you are well by this time. Well, Joe (BOX) and Mag ([SMITH] BOX) is at Porterville yet and if it storms will be there for sometime yet and it looks like rain now. "Jane ([BOX] GUTHRIE) is at Porterville, John (GUTHRIE) is off plowing, Laura (GUTHRIE) is taking Clara's ([GUTHRIE] UHL) children to school. Ed (UHL) tinkering around.

"I am on a trade with a man at Fresno who wants my ranch. I aim to go there if all is well on my birthday the 16 and if I do make the trade I will try

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and sell or mortgage the Property and be up there by the first of May and I want you to live with us. I will try and get close to Bro Al (James Allen BOX). I got Willie and Allie's (WHITE) letters. I will try and answer but may not, but they must meet all the same.

"Mother, we have had a time since Bessy got hurt. I will try and get someone to stay with Elma while I am gone to Fresno. Our stock is all doing well. It is cloudy and warm here. I will write to Lucy Jane (? could have been Zane?) as soon as I am sure of a trade. I am very anxious to get away from here. "I have nothing more to write, so let Sister Fanny see this, for it is a task for me to write, so let us hear from you for we are anxious to hear since you have been so sick. This leaves all well as far as I know. With love to all, Your son, S. P. Box"

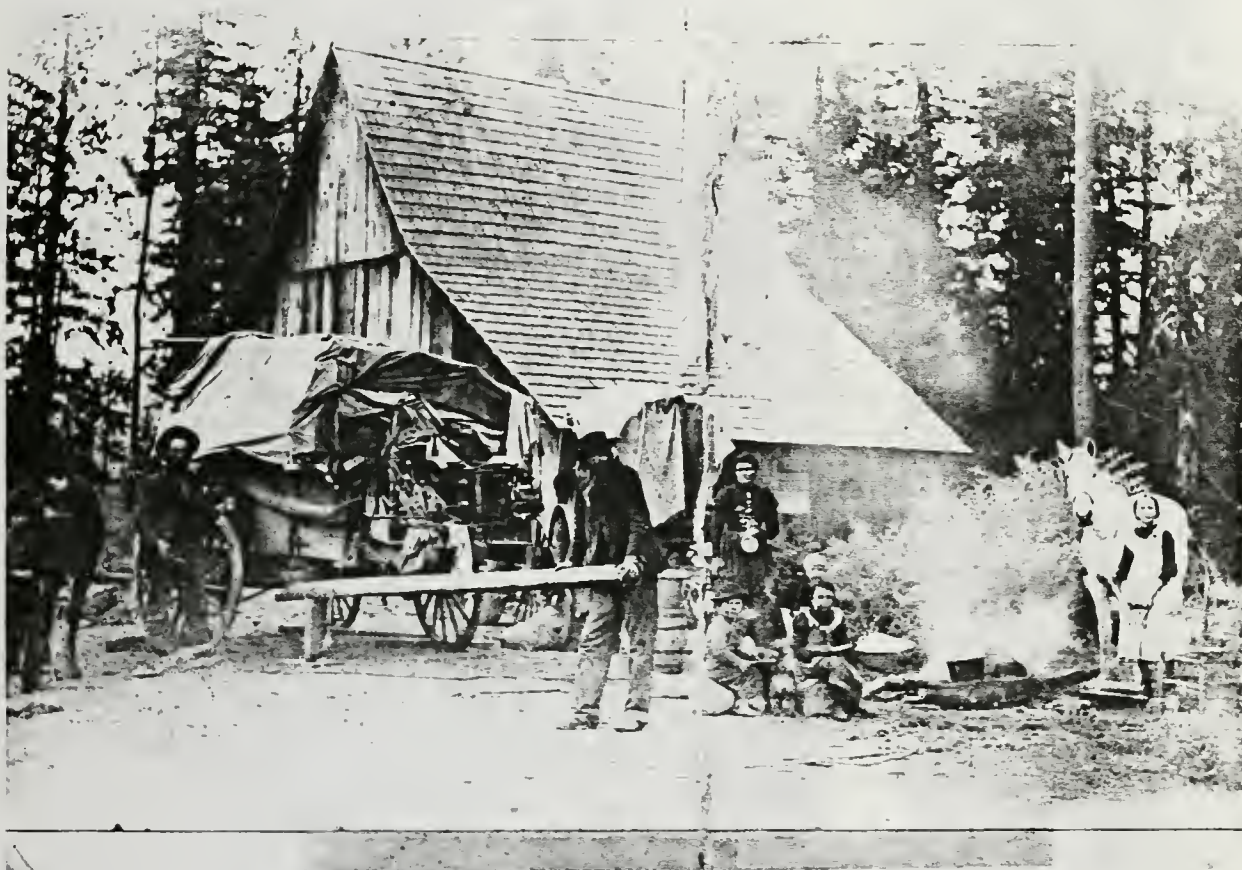
P. S. from his wife, Elma:

"Dear Mother - Sam is going to Porterville today and will mail this so I will add a few lines and tell all about our baby boy born the 16 Dec, weighed 11-1/2 lbs. He has fair skin, blue eyes and auburn hair, (almost red), looks considerable like Reuben when he was a baby. He is strong and healthy and is getting to be good. I am tolerably strong and do all my own work with Sam's help. He is good and quite handy. Ora does the sewing and dries the dishes and Reuben keeps the woodbox full of stovewood. Little Bessie rocks the baby. They are all good children. We think of calling the baby Andrew Howell Box, but have not decided yet. I received a letter from Willie White written on our birthdays and will ans. in a few days. I am glad to see the children writing and think it is right to encourage them. I will write you a long letter in a few days."

1896 - Sep 14 - Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER gave me an interesting document in 1988 that indicates Sam's civic responsibilities in the White River area: "ORDER UPON THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, No 15, Sept 14th, 1896. The County Superintendent of Public Schools of Tulare County will draw a Requisition on the County Auditor, against the County School Fund, to the amount of Twelve dollars twenty-five cts in favor of Mr E A UHL, on order, on account of Digging a well during the present School Year, in the Grape Vine School District. (signed) Mrs Fannie McCABE., S. P. BOX, School Trustees of Grape Vine District."

Interesting to note that E A UHL married Clara Jane GUTHRIE, daughter of Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE; Mrs Fannie (GUTHRIE) McCABE is another daughter of Sarah, Sam's sister. At this time in history, the schools were truly a "family affair."

1897 -My brother, Allen BOX, has a picture, sent to him by Ben MATZEN in 1987, with the following information on the back, in Aunt Ora's hand: "The Sam Box Family near Wildwood, Trinity Co., on trip from Tulare Co, CA to Hyampom, Trinity Co. Left Old Grapevine Ranch 18 Oct 1897, arriving in Hyampom 26 Nov 1897. L-R: Reuben holding Hector; Uncle Allen greasing wagon, Papa at end of lever, Mama, Andy, Millie & Bessie and me (Ora) holding Nellie Bly." This is one of only two pictures of the entire Sam Box family ever found. It is sepia-toned, somewhat faded, but a jewel in the photo collection because: 1) it includes the entire Sam Box family at that time, (two more children were born in Northern California) plus great-Uncle Allen; and 2) it provides a rare glimpse of the family in working clothes and 'at ease' rather than the stiffly posed photos we are accustomed to seeing for this period. (NOTE: With regard to the above date "18 Oct 1897" given by Aunt Ora, Uncle Reuben, in a Christmas letter to his Uhl cousins in 1964 said: "It was 67 yrs ago on Oct 22 that we drove away from the Guthrie place and headed for Trinity Co .. My father & mother and 5 of us kids. Now I am the



Ora's caption on this picture: "Nearing our journey's end. The Sam Box Family near Wildwood, Trinity Co - on trip from Tulare Co, Calif. to Hyampom, Trinity Co. Left old Grapevine Ranch on 18th of Oct. 1897 arriving in Hyampom 26th of Nov. '97.

L. to R. - Reuben holding Hector, Uncle Allen greasing wagon, Papa at end of lever, Mama, Andy, Millie and Bessie and me holding Nellie Bly."

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 only one of the Tulare Sam Box family alive.."

1897 - A theory as to why they moved: Allen remembers Daddy (Andy BOX) mentioning an epidemic of "the fever" and fear for the health of the young children. Both cholera and malaria outbreaks were reported in Tulare County history. I found reference to Malaria in Tulare County in the California Historical Society Library in San Francisco in 1987: a possible reason for Sam Box to move away with his large and quite young family. Additional argument for this theory is the fact that when Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE moved to Tulare County in 1872 she was actually headed for the Bakersfield area, but news that cholera had erupted there prompted her to head east from Porterville and homestead in the White River area.

1897 - per Aunt Elma's obituary in 1986, written by her son, Bill MORGAN: "... (Elma) was the last surviving member of the pioneer Box family. Her family homesteaded near Hyampom, Trinity County, in the 1890's"

1898 - Letter from Elma (HOWELL) BOX to Laura GUTHRIE in very legible and pretty handwriting, in pencil:

"Hyampom, Cal, Jan 17 1898 - Dear Laura, Ora has written to Lucy so I will add a line. We are all quite well and busy. Sam is building a smokehouse today so he can hang up his meat. It has rained some this morning & looks like we were going to have a storm. This is quite a pretty place, a little valley surrounded by high mountains, a river running through divides the valley. Several of the neighbor ladys have called on me and yesterday I made my first visit - went across the river alone, it is pretty deep fording, and called on a very nice little lady.

"I have been sewing - making the girls some school dresses. Sam took my machine all to pieces & packed it in some time ago & last Friday our stove, dishes and canned fruit came over on the pack train. To have seen the machine & stove all in pieces one would not think they would be of much use, but we have them all up & as good as ever.

"I have written to your mother (Sarah Jane [BOX]) GUTHRIE) this morning. We had a good letter from her a few days ago. Ora & Bessie are going to walk up to the PO this evening. It is in sight of the house 1 mile away. "So I will close & get Bessie ready. You must write to us often & give all the news. Love to all. Yours as ever, Elma Box"

1898 -Letter from Elma BOX to John Franklin GUTHRIE:

"Hyampom, Cal, Jan 23 1898 - Dear John, Before we left Tulare I wrote to Dr Hardeman & told him to make out his bill & send it to you. Did he do so? & what is the amount? If you think the filly over at Mr Turners is spoiled for a driver perhaps you could put the one over at Fannie's in. You will pay Mr Dent for his trouble in taking care of her. I hope you can rent the place. I would like to show Morris we could make as much or more out of the place as he offered. So do the best you can & pay yourself for your trouble. It is a cold spell now, but has been a mild winter. I do hope it won't be a dry year down there. Love to all, Goodnight, Yours as ever, Elma Box." ... and ... On the back of the above letter, written in pencil, is page 3 of a letter signed by S P Box:

"...plenty around them, and don't seem so blue here as there for there is a little money around those mining camps in circulation, and there is no such a thing as failure in crops here so I am told.

"I am anxious to plant a big lot of corn, potatoes and beans this spring if any means will allow it and think that we will pull through until spring. We are all very hearty and we grind our wheat and corn



The only photograph of the entire Sam Box family ever taken: Standing - Reuben, Andy, Seated - Ora, Ben, Sam,
Elma Pauline, Elma Jane holding Margaret, Lee, Bessie

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 at a neighbors handmill. It takes two men to turn it.

"Hope that you can sell the cows in time to get the seed. Let us hear from you often. I will close. Written by Ora and Reuben. S P Box"

1905 - The Sam Box family lived in Hyampom, Trinity Co, CA, but because of miscarriage problems, Sam brought Elma to Arcata where there was a doctor. They came in the 7th month of her pregnancy with Elma Pauline in Feb 1905.

1909 - 14 Aug - A clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"Moving from Belmont - Mr and Mrs S P Box and family of the Belmont section, above Korbels, moved to Arcata this week, where they intend to reside in the future. Their youngest daughter, Miss Mildred, will attend the High School there and will make her home with her sister, Mrs Malcolm Daniel. Mrs Box will leave soon for a two months' visit to her daughter, Mrs N C Matzen of San Francisco, and will also visit her two sisters in Mendocino county before returning." (Aunt Ora wrote in date "August 14 1909")

1910 - Margaret was born in Dunsmuir, Siskiyou Co, CA and died in Anderson, Shasta Co in 1911 or 1912. They probably came to Dunsmuir for the same reason they went to Arcata in 1905 when Elma was born: to seek a doctor for the birth.

1910 - 30 Jul postcard from Millie in San Francisco to Reuben & Andy in Minersville: "Dear Brothers, We rec'd a nice letter from home. All were well. Papa had a pay day. Had \$20.50 after all bills were paid. Pretty good, isn't it? Lovingly, Millie"

1910 - 8 Oct picture of Sam Box and his three sisters in Aunt Ora's scrapbook is captioned: "Uncle Charlie White, Aunt Betty, Father, Aunt Fannie Johnson, Aunt Jane Guthrie."....probably taken in Sonoma County.

1913 - Sam BOX lived with Uncle Reuben Preston BOX at Harrison Gulch.

1914 - Letter from Sam Box, copied exactly as written in pencil in his bold and quite legible handwriting. (NOTE: Knob formerly called Harrison Gulch, and is now known as Platina):

"Knob May the 22 1914/Dear Nick, Ora & Bennie, I have nothing to write onley Millie. She is bed fast & can't move one of her legs a bad case of rheumatism have the Doc. She don't mind him he wants her to were flanel. She is very stubern & get mad at me I can't hear her. It herts her to talk loud. Rube will be home next week. Mrs Roberson has just been up & has got her to drink some milk she has no appetite & she wants her moved to her house. She lives about 50 yards from hear Millie is afraid for us to try it. She is sore to the tuch & I am busy keeping hot rags to her knee her rheumatism first came in her shoulder now it all settle in one knee & she cannot straten her leg nor bear it tuched. I have a pretty good garden will have peas in a few days. I have wrote your Mamma in care of Mary. I got a letter from Elma. She is doing fine. Irene brags on her to me for being so bright you know. She has fine accction. Is Bennie in school. How is Nick's face and is he docktering it. I am uneasy for him. Now don't bossy and trouble or worry for I will let hear how she get along once a week. I am very well and walk 1/2 mile to my garden 2 a day. I fear Millie will have a long spell we have a good Doc and lots of good neighbors. They keep me in bread witch is the Staff of life. I will close with love to all, Your Father."

(NOTE: Millie died one week later, 30 May 1914, in Uncle Reuben's arms)

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 1915 - Nov 8 postcard from Laura Uhl Laney in Weed to Reuben in Trinity Center: "We are on our way back to Calif. from Oregon. If you are near enough that we can visit you folks & Uncle Sam we'd surely love to. We are snowed in here at Weed and will be here until the roads will permit travel. Address Mrs. A. F. Laney, Red Bluff."

1915 - 15 Nov postcard from Anita's sister Eneth to Anita in Trinity Center: ".....How is Elaine, also Mr Box?....." so Sam BOX was either visiting or living with Anita & Reuben at this time.

1916 - May 16 from Ora in Porterville to Reuben: "...Nick was in S.F. but I believe Papa and he will make connections ok..I look for them here by Friday ..Glad you got him off ok & he will be ok with us. All well. Love from Ora."

1916 - May 16 from Ora in Porterville to Reuben: "Dear Bro, Papa got here last night. We sent him out to visit a little here as we will go home soon as Nick comes. Dr Pickett gave Papa some salve - was all he would do. We are at Aunt Jane's. Papa stood the trip fine, but seems awfully discouraged..."

1916 -In a 14 Dec 1981 letter, Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER relayed her Uncle Bob Guthrie's impressions about the Box family in White River: "...In regard to the Box Family, I did know some of them, but most of what I can tell came from Grandma and Dad (Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE) and John Franklin GUTHRIE). "Uncle Sam Box came to Porterville to visit Gram when she was keeping house for Beany and me during high school term in 1916. He had a long white beard and a bandage over one eye. Cancer which must have caused his death later on.

"I think two of the Box children went to Coho school when Less and Fred did. Fred said Reuben Box rolled a rock down a bank and hit John Hitchcock in the back. He thought he had killed him so struck out for home and didn't come to school for quite some time afterwards.

"When Uncle Sam came to the Guthrie house, he'd sit on the front porch and Grandma Jane would bring him buttermilk. Some of the neighbors called him Mr Grapevine as that was the name of the spring where they lived--also, the ranch went by that name.

"The ranch included Uncle Al's (James Allen BOX) homestead, also Uncle Reuben's (Reuben Franklin BOX, Jr) and eventually Aunt Laura (GUTHRIE) filed on one. The government was very lenient in giving titles to people so there would be a tax revenue. As there was quite a bit of land I am under the impression that Uncle Sam did preempt some of it.

"No doubt Joe Box was the favorite and the most responsible one of the four boys. I remember him faintly. I've heard many stories about him, all quite interesting. Uncle Reuben married Aunt Etta, Mother's sister; one girl resulted from that marriage. Her name was Ruby. He died young from eating too much cold watermelon while sweaty and hot. That is what Grandma said.

"Aunt Elma was thrown from a horse when he shied suddenly at a gate. I have seen the place high on a ridge of McDowell Mt. She could barely move. A big wooley dog lay by her side on this bitter cold night, helping to keep her sane and some warmth to the poor broken body. One of the Klein boys found her the following morning while hunting their horses.

"Jane, I have met some of Uncle Sam's children--Ora Matzen, Bennie, Andrew--anyhow, they are all fine people."

1916 - Aug 19 from Ora in San Francisco to Anita & Reuben:

"We are all in S.F.... Papa is fine. Will write more fully later. Ora."

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1916 - Sep 2 postcard to Anita & Reuben from Bessie indicated Sam was in San Francisco and had just left - perhaps there visiting Aunt Ora.

1917 - Per Aunt Anita's earliest scrapbook; same in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:
 "OLD RESIDENT LAID TO REST - Samuel Box, an uncle of Mrs Sam Lewis of this place, and one of the pioneer residents of the upper Sonoma Valley, died in Lane hospital and was laid to rest here in Valley Cemetery Monday.
 "Box came to Sonoma County when fourteen years of age and spent more than forty years on his ranch above Glen Ellen where he resided with his wife, five children and made many life-long friends who learned of his death following an operation with much regret. Of late years he had made his home in Trinity Co.
 "Deceased was 78 years of age and the eldest brother of Mrs Sam Lewis' mother..
 "Interment was in the family plot in Valley Cemetery where rest so many of our old pioneers and their loved ones." (Again, reporter didn't check facts!)

1917 - Aunt Anita pencilled in "April 27, 1917" on following clipping:
 "SONOMA PIONEER HEARS SUMMONS - Samuel P Box, who resided at Glen Ellen for Forty Years, Died in San Francisco Friday At Age of Seventy-Six Years -
 "Samuel P Box, a pioneer resident of Sonoma Co, died in the hospital in San Francisco after a lingering illness. The deceased was a native of Mississippi, 77 years of age (NOTE: Aunt Anita crossed out '77' and wrote in '78') and came to California 63 years ago and for 40 years resided at Glen Ellen on what is now known as the Hodge place, having sold their ranch to Mr Hodge. / Mr Box is survived by a wife, Mrs Elma Howell Box, whose family were pioneer settlers of Mendocino Co. There are also five children. Mrs Ora Nissen (NOTE: should be Matzen) of San Francisco, Reuben and Andrew Box of Shasta Co; Dora (NOTE: should be Bessie) and Elma Box. Mrs Mary F Johnson is the remaining sister of the family, although there are a large family of nieces and nephews, Mrs Dora Cole of this city being one of the nieces." (Probably Santa Rosa paper)

1991 - 29 Apr letter from Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center in San Francisco advises: "A search of medical records files indicates that we have no record of this patient.....We only keep records up to 1975." Lane Hospital in San Francisco became a part of Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto sometime in the 1950's. Stanford Hospital informed me on 10 Apr 1991 "Patient not registered here; no record found in files.....Your request should be addressed to Presbyterian Hospital of Pacific Medical Center." Case closed for now....

.... BUT re-opened 10 June 1991

when the State of California Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Branch sent me a copy of the Death Certificate. Information thereon:

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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| Place of Death: | City and County of San Francisco |
| | Lane Hospital |
| Full Name: | Samuel P Box, Male, White, Married |
| Husband of: | Mrs Sam Box |
| Date of Birth: | 1838 (NOTE: Wrong - it was 1839) |
| Occupation: | Retired |
| Birthplace: | Mississippi |
| Name of Father: | Reuben Box |
| Birthplace: | Unknown |
| Maiden Name of Mother: | Lucy Baker (NOTE: Wrong - it was Parker) |
| Length of Residence at Place of Death: | 21 days |
| " " " | in California: 60 years (NOTE:Wrong - 66 years) |

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Informant: Mrs N C Matzen, Petaluma, Cal
 Filed: Apr 29 1917, Wm C Hassler, Registrar or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Date of Death: Apr 27th, 1917

I hereby certify that I attended deceased from April 20 1917 to April 27 1917 - that I last saw him alive on April 27, 1917 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 10:15AM.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Broncho pneumonia; Duration, 1 day.

Contributory: Operation for removal of epethelium of right optic;

Signed: T T Shea, M.D., April 28, 1917, Lane Hospital

Where was disease contacted if not at place of death: Petaluma, Cal

Place of Burial or Removal: Petaluma, CA (NOTE: Wrong-Sonoma, Valley Cemetery)

Date of Burial: Apr 30, 1917

Undertaker: D I Kims (sp?) Co, 1654 Eddy St, (San Francisco)



Sam Box and daughter Elma Pauline, 1916/17



Sam Box—
 About 1871

Samuel Powell BOX,
Elma Jane HOWELL on
their wedding day -
25 November 1884



-and-
James Crabtree
Residence where
they were wed.
(1990 photo
courtesy Jeff
Edwards,
Porterville)



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1864 - Elma Jane HOWELL b 15 Dec 1864, Benicia, Solano Co, CA
 Parents: Elijah Preston HOWELL & Margaret Jane MORELAND DAVIS
 m Samuel Powell BOX 25 Nov 1884, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 d 19 May 1918, Talmage, Mendocino Co, CA
 bur Old Cemetery, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

1864 - The following description of Elma Jane HOWELL BOX is in the HOWELL PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER. Most of the entries are in the Spencerian script of her father, Elijah Preston HOWELL; a few entered by Aunt Ora (BOX) MATZEN, and a few entered by me:

"Elma Jane Howell, b. Solano County, California, December 15th, 1864; Scottish descent; Father: Elijah P. Howell; Mother: Margaret Jane Moreland; 2 brothers, 4 sisters; Education: Grade and some Normal school (San Jose State Normal); Occupation: Homemaker; Religion: Christian - Methodist; Date of Marriage: Nov 25, 1884; Name of husband: Samuel Powell Box; Married in residence of James Crabtree near Porterville, Tulare Co, CA. Lived on what was known as the Grapevine Ranch on Hot Springs Road. Moved to Trinity County in 1897; Stature: about 5 ft. 5 in.; Weight: 130 lbs; Complexion: Light; Color of Hair: Brown; Color of Eyes: Black; Health: Good; Date of Death: May 19, 1918; Place of Death: Ukiah, Calif.; Age: 54 years; Place of Interment: Redwood Valley Cemetery (now called Old Cemetery just outside the town of Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, CA)."

Before 1884 - In handwritten notes given to me in the 1940's by Aunt Ora she says: "Elma Jane Howell Box....schooling - grade & some normal school; religion Methodist....."

Before 1884 - Although there are no letters or proof, it is believed that Sam met Elma when she was teaching school in Cordelia. This is logical because Sam could have gone that way travelling from Glen Ellen to Tulare Co to see his sister, Sarah Jane in White River. Another theory just came to light in 1991 when it was revealed that a Pauline MORELAND married James CRABTREE and they lived in Porterville. Since it is well documented that Sam and Elma were married in the Crabtree home in Porterville and that Elma's mother's maiden name was MORELAND, it is also possible that they may have initially met in Porterville if they both had relatives in the area.

1884 - 25 Nov - Married Samuel Powell BOX, 45, in the home of James Crabtree in Porterville, Tulare Co, CA. Jeff Edwards of Porterville was kind enough to take a picture of this home in April 1991 and give it to me to use in the book. The house has been remodelled, but the picture reveals that the old frame structure retains its 19th Century appearance.

post 1884 - Sometime between 1884 when they were married and 1897 when they left White River, Elma had an accident that, according to Aunt Ora, caused her to walk with a limp the rest of her life. We had all heard the story, but Bob GUTHRIE, grandson of Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE, gave the most detailed version in his memories recorded by Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER and sent to me in 1980: "Aunt Elma was thrown from a horse when he shied suddenly at a gate. I have seen the place high on a ridge of McDowell Mt. She could barely move. A big wooley dog lay by her side on this bitter cold night, helping to keep her sane and some warmth to the poor broken body. One of the Klein boys found her the following morning while hunting their horses."

1886 - 20 Jan Ora Frances b White River, Tulare Co, CA
 1887 - 6 Dec Reuben Preston b " " " "

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1890 - 31 Jul Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" b " " " "
 1892 - 16 Dec Andrew Howell "Andy" b " " " "
 1895 - 12 Feb Mildred Lenore "Millie" b " " " "
 1905 - 22 Apr Elma Pauline b Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 1910 - ? Margaret Jane b Dunsmuir, Siskiyou Co, CA (d 1911/1912)

1892 - From "Hop Picking Days," an article written by Thomas M Jameson, Elma (Howell) Box's nephew, Redwood Valley, CA in July 1973:
 "My earliest memory of hops was in the summer of 1892 - the year we moved from the old house I was born in which was torn down many years ago, to our present home site. I recall my brother, Frank, who was 8 years older than I, come running up from towards the river, and my aunt, Mrs Elma Box of Tulare Co, was visiting us. Frank had gone hunting with his 32 rim fire, single shot rifle over across Russian River near the high bluff where the river ran then. My aunt said, "Frank has killed a deer."... I recall my mother and my Aunt Elma Box of Tulare County and her daughter, Ora, one year older than me, and son Reuben, one year younger, going down there and cutting a willow pole and fastening the deer's carcass on it and I presume 'gutting' its entrails first and then putting the ends of the willow pole on their shoulders and packing the deer the half mile to the house. I know Aunt Elma did the 'gutting' because my mother never would even cut a chicken's head off." (NOTE: My grandmother Elma (Howell) BOX was pregnant with my father, Andrew Howell BOX (born 16 Dec 1892) when this incident happened.)

1897 - Oct- The Sam Box family moved from White River to Trinity Co, CA.

1900 - Sep 7 note from Ora in San Francisco to Reuben:

".... Mama left here Sat morning in the best of spirits for Santa Rosa & Ukiah. I think her trip will be a grand success. All well, As ever, Ora."

1909 -Jan, Ora in SF to Reuben "Mama left here for Castella Tue night 8.20PM"

1909 - Oct 22 postcard from Ora in San Francisco to Reuben in Castella: "Mama got here yesterday & will go on to S.J. (San Jose?) Sun morn. Is well. She will be a few days with Uncle Willie (Howell?) & then will stay with us until the folks settle & write for her to come to Shasta." (She may have been pregnant with Margaret Jane at the time and possibly unable to withstand the move.)

1909 - Nov 4 postcard from Ora to Reuben: "Mama left here for Castella Tuesday night 8:20 PM and hope she arrived safely. Let me know."

1918 - Obituary clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook - She wrote "May 19, 1918" This clipping appears to be from the Porterville paper: "PIONEER OF CITY HAS PASSED AWAY - Death Came To Mrs Elma J Box At Sanitarium In Ukiah - Mrs Elma J Box, one of the pioneers of the Porterville district, died at a sanitarium in Ukiah, at the age of 53 years and 6 months. News of her death was communicated recently to relatives and friends here. Mrs Box was married to Samuel P Box, November 25, 1884, at the residence of James Crantree (sic) near Porterville. For a number of years Mr and Mrs Box lived on what was known as the Grape Vine Ranch on the Hot Springs road. Twenty one years ago they moved to Trinity county. The death of Mr Box, many here will remember, occurred about one year ago. Mrs Box is survived by five children: Mrs N C Matzen of Petaluma, Mrs Bessie Owens of Visalia, Andrew Box, now with the Engineer Corps on service in France, and Miss Elma Box of Shasta County. She was a cousin of *Tom Crabtree of Porterville and related to Mrs Fannie F Dent, Mrs E A Uhl, Miss Laura Guthrie and Miss Margaret Box, all of this city." (NOTE: She was

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'related' to the latter four through her marriage to Sam Box, uncle of the four. *Tom Crabtree of Porterville reportedly never married, but was the son of James Crabtree and Pauline Moreland, so would have been a cousin of Elma's.)

1918 - 25 May, Saturday evening edition of unnamed newspaper. Another clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook, also apparently from a Porterville paper, and again, not very accurate:

"MRS ELMA J BOX DIED IN HER NORTHERN HOME - "Early Pioneer of This City Passes on At Northern Home in Mendocino County - Mrs Elma J Box, an early pioneer of this city, passed on at her home in Ukiah, Mendocino County, last Sunday. She was buried in the northern section last Monday....Mrs Box lived in Porterville about 20 years ago. She was married on November 25, 1884 to West J Box (NOTE: should be Samuel P Box). The ceremonies were celebrated at the home of Jim Crabtree. Before being married her name was Miss Elma Howell. "The deceased is survived by Mrs N C Matzen of Petaluma, a daughter; Mrs Bessie Owen, Visalia, a daughter; William Box (NOTE: should be Reuben Box) who lives in Trinity County, a son and her youngest boy, Andy Box, is now serving with the United States forces over in France. Her husband died about 13 months ago in Ukiah." (NOTE: He died in San Francisco's Lane Hospital.)

1918 -Clipping in Aunt Anita's scrapbook: "MRS ELMA J BOX PASSES TO HER REST - (Aunt Anita pencilled in May 19, 1918) - Mrs Elma J Box was born at Benicia in Solano county December 15 1864. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Elijah Preston Howell. She was married to Samuel P Box in Porterville, Tulare County, November twenty-fifth 1884. There were eight children born to this marriage. Five of whom are living. Mrs Ora Matzen, Petaluma; Reuben P Box, Trinity county; Mrs Bessie Owen, Tulare county; Andrew H Box, in Fresno (NOTE: corrected to "France" by AA) with 10 Engineers Co F, A E F. Elma Pauline Box, Trinity county; Mrs Box has two sisters living in Mendocino county, and one in Santa Clara county, Mrs Frank Jameson, Calpella; Mrs Mary Watson, Ukiah; Mrs Lizzie Roberts, Santa Clara county. Her husband S P Box, preceded her to the other shore April 27 1917...Rev J E Moore of the M E Church South, conducted services at the cemetery in Redwood Valley Monday afternoon at 2:30./ Mrs Box lived in Redwood Valley from early childhood. She has many acquaintances and friends among the older settlers of the community. Mrs Box was a devoted mother and a most excellent woman and neighbor. Her children will remember her most affectionately for her sweet disposition and sacrificial life."

1918 - Obituary in the Dispatch-Democrat, Ukiah, CA, Friday, 24 May 1918, Page Two: "MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS ELMA BOX - Mrs Elma Box died in Ukiah Sunday morning and was buried at the Redwood Valley Cemetery Monday afternoon. The deceased, who was formerly Miss Elma Howell, was raised in Redwood Valley. She had been an invalid for many years, and the end was not unexpected. Her husband and three children had preceded her to the grave. Five children, Mrs Ora Matzen of Petaluma, Reuben Box, a forest ranger at Trinity Center, Cal; Corporal Andrew Box, 20th Engineers, E.F., France; Mrs Bessie Owen of Visalia, Cal, and Elma Box of Trinity Center; one brother, Andrew Howell, of Butte, Mont; and 3 sisters, Mrs W F Jameson of Redwood Valley, Mrs A J Watson of Ukiah, and Mrs J F Roberts of San Jose are left to mourn her loss.

"A large number of Ukiah and Redwood Valley friends attended the funeral. The kind men of Redwood Valley dug the grave and offered every assistance to the bereaved relatives. Dr Moore of Ukiah conducted a funeral service at the grave. The Redwood Valley ladies sang several beautiful funeral songs."

1991 - 7 Jun - Received Ceritified copy of Elma Jane Box Death Certificate from the California State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics:

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"PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

County of: Mendocino
 City/Town of: Talmage
 Full Name: Elma Jane Box, Female, White, Married
 Date of Birth: 1866 (Wrong: 1864)
 Age: 52 (Wrong: 53 and 6 months)
 Occupation: Housewife
 Birthplace: California
 Name of Father: Unknown (Same answer to all questions pertaining
 to parents names & birthplaces)
 Length of Residence at Place of Death: 4 years 28 days
 In California: Life
 Informant: Commitment Records, Talmage State Hospital
 Filed: May 20 1918 J E Thompson, Registrar or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Date of Death: May 19, 1918

I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased from Jan 15 1918 to May 19 1918, that I last saw her alive on May 18 1918 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 5:50AM.

The Cause of Death was as follows: Pulmonary Tuberculosis;
 Chronic Interstitial Nephritis

(Signed) A J Feldkamp, M.D.

May 19 1918 Talmage, Cal

Place of Burial or Removal: Removed to Ukiah

Undertaker: B L Cleland, Ukiah, Cal
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Elma holding Ora, Sam holding Bessie, Reuben
 standing (Arthur Weger peaking through)
 White River, CA



Elma, Ben and Ora Matzen, 3 Sep 1909 at the
 Cliff House, San Francisco, CA

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1910 - Aug 13 postcard from Ora in San Francisco to Reuben in Minersville:
"Dr R. All well here. Wish I were in the mtns with you. Nickels and I are going out tonight to a wooden wedding anniversary of one of Nickels' Dutch friends. I will look like a dunce among all those Dutch. Ora."

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1911 - Mar 28 postcard from Ora, 2589 Mission in San Francisco to Reuben in Minersville. She said she would let him know when they change their address.

1912 - Oct 10 postcard from Ora in San Francisco to Reuben in Minersville: "Nanning just left for Germany & Henry went to Arcata yesterday, so we are alone here. All well. No news. Write & tell me Andy's address."
(NOTE: Nanning and Henry were Nick's brothers)

1913 - Undated postcard from Ora in Oakland to Mildred Box, Knob, CA: "We arr. Oakland pier at 7.05 & are now waiting for Fresno train at 9.10 - 2 hrs but not long enough to run over to S.F. or up to Aunt Fannie's. Never had a sleeper & we rested fine. Never pd for B. either yet. I thot of you until midnight wondering how you got home. This beastly old fog seems quite natural. Love to all from Ora."

1913? - May 28, but can't read the year, but because it is from Ora at White River, Guthrie's ranch to Millie in Knob, I think it is 1913: "Dear Mille and all, B. & I are at Uncle John's, but will go on to Uhl Station tomorrow. I expect to have letters from you at Hot Springs. We are having rain & it's doing lots of damage. All are well here. I have phoned Nick twice. He is in the mts. now in rain. Ora."

1913 - Nov 5 postcard from Ora in San Antonia to Reuben in Knob: "We are in San Antonio tonight for 2 hrs 45 min. I have walked around a good deal. Is a nice town. Wouldn't mind living here. Will stay a few hrs in Houston tomorrow."

1913 - Nov 7 postcard from Ora in Galveston, Texas to Reuben in Knob: "Dear Brother, We are this far on our journey. All have colds but feel fine otherwise. Our boat won't sail until Mon, so we have plenty of time. Love, Ora"

1913 - Dec 6 postcard from Ora, Nick and Ben in Nieblum, Fohr, wishing Reuben many happy birthdays & Christmas greetings. She said "love to Papa."

1914 - Jan 17 postcard from Ora in Nieblum, Isle of Fohr to Reuben in Knob.

1914 - June 6 postcard from Ora in Reading Hotel, postmark appears to be Ashland (Oregon?): "My dear Reuben, We arrived at 6 o'clock. OK but tired. Rained the whole way & still at it. I've had supper & been to the newspaper office & found them all closed so you send a card of thanks as I can't now. _____? _____ to Bess knows how to help you write it. Send it soon & ask them to send bill. Her grave looks beautiful. (Millie had died 30 May 1914) I am awful lonesome for you all, but must get home. With the best of love to all."

1914 - Dec 22 postcard from Ora in Hot Springs, Tulare Co to Reuben in Weaverville: "Dr Brother, I hope you have rec'd Nick's & my last letters. We are waiting to go south to Nick any time. Wishing you a Merry Xmas & many happy new years from Ora & Bennie."

1915 - Jan 26 postcard from Nick's mother in Nieblum, Fohr, Germany to Ora in Hot Springs, Tulare Co has that address crossed out and "Aguanga, Riverside Co, California" written in, so they must have moved from Hot Springs just about this time.

1915 - May 25 postcard from Ora in Aguanga, Riverside Co to Anita in Knob: "You & Reuben wake up and write us a line..."

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1915 - Dec 22 postcard from Ora in Aguanga to Anita & Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear Bro. and Sis - I hope you all enjoy Xmas. It's too bad we are so scattered. I look for N. home from S.F. tomorrow. He has had a terrible time. B. & I are well. Love from Ora."

1916 - May 12 postcard from Ora in Ducor to Anita in Trinity Center: "Bennie & I are at Nellie's & Nick has gone to S.F. We had a lovely trip up. Will go home as soon as Nick returns. Love from Ora."

1916 - May 16 postcard from Ora in Porterville to Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear Bro, Got your letter from Red Bluff and Nick was in S.F., but I believe Papa and he will make connections ok and I look for them here by Friday & we will go home soon after. Glad you got him off ok & he will be ok with us. All well. Love from Ora."

1916 - May 16 postcard from Ora in Porterville to Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear Bro, Papa got here last night. We sent him out to visit a little here as we will go home soon as Nick comes. Dr Pickett gave Papa some salve - was all he would do. We are at Aunt Jane's. Papa stood the trip fine, but seems awfully discouraged. All well. Ora."

1916 - Aug 19 postcard from Ora in San Francisco to Mr/Mrs Reuben Box in Trinity Center: "We are all in S.F. Are not located in business yet, but write us to 907 Valencia St, SF. Will be here a mo. anyway. Our Hemet proposition fell thru. Papa is fine. Will write more fully later. Ora."

1917 - Sep 20 postcard from Ora in Petaluma to Anita: "...Would love to be with you all and see my only niece (so far). I know she is sweet - Lovingly, Ora."

1917 - Nov 21 from Ora in Petaluma to Reuben "Just a card for a b-day remembrance. ... Nick still has rheumatism. Do let me know whether any of you have heard from Andy lately. I look for a letter each mail from him, but nothing comes so far. Bessie was in Los A. the last I heard. O.M."

1917 - Dec 24 from Ora in Petaluma to Anita/Reuben ".it's been quite some time since I have heard from T.C. (Trinity Co)... Bennie has been sick a week with lagrip & cough. Is some better. We feared pneumonia for awhile. Lots of sickness around here. No news from anyone. Love to you all from us all. Ora M."

1919 - Undated postcard from Ora to Anita in Coffee, Trinity Co: "Just came back from one trip and are off on another. All enjoying ourselves. May go as far south as Tulare. Love from Ora and all."

1919 - Undated postcard, probably around Christmas, from Ora to Anita in Lewiston: "I've been sick again. Terrible stormy weather, too. Sorry I haven't anything to send the children - from Ora."

1919 - Dec 4 Merry Christmas picture postcard from Ora (unreadable postmark, but near Mad River) to Reuben in La Touche, Alaska: "Dear Brother, I had a letter from Nita yesterday. All were well. It's awfully cold here & lots of snow on the mtns. Alaska enough for me right here. We are all well. Nick salmon fishing on Mad River tonight. Love from Ora."

1920 - Dec 29 postcard from Ora in McKinleyville to Reuben in Weed: "Glad to hear Anita was improving. Write often as possible. We are all fine & having

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fine weather now. O.M."

1920's - Undated clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook refers to "Dr Bernard Matzen," so is probably late 1920's or early 30's:

"ENJOYING OUTING IN STIRLING CITY - Mrs Nickels C Matzen of Coady Court, who is spending a few weeks with her brother in Stirling City, near Chico, is recuperating from a recent illness and is enjoying the vacation. Mrs Matzen is the mother of Dr Bernard Matzen."

1923 - a copy of "By-Laws of Arcata Chapter No 207 Order Eastern Star" printed by Blue Lake Advocate Print 1921 has "Joined Feb 1923" on the first page.

1930 - 21 Feb - letter from Aunt Ora in Petaluma to Alice: "Dear Alice, I was sorry, indeed, Alice to learn of your sickness when your mother's letter came this noon. I hope that by now you are over the worst and will soon be your sweet self again. I remember quite well how sick I was when I had them in 1903 and perhaps your daddy remembers how I came home with them and gave them to our mother and Aunt Bessie and perhaps some of the others.

"But you will soon be back in school I have no doubt.

"I am going over town now and will see what I can find to mail you, to amuse yourself while in bed. Love from Aunt Ora. Please give your mama the enclosed note."

1930's - Note from Aunt Ora to Alice: "Dear Alice - I hope you have a nice birthday and many more of them. I wish I could be with you, too. I am alone this evening, Ben out to a meeting and Uncle Nick has gone to an Eastern Star program. He got home from Salt Lake last Sat. Tell your dad to be sure to see his cousin Sam Johnson and wife Dorothy at the picnic next Sunday, also Mr Tourtelloute from here. Tell your mother to write me and you write too. I guess I owe Evelyn a letter. Was sick on Feb 7th. Love from Aunt Ora."

1933 - 2 Dec - Letter from Aunt Ora in Petaluma to Alice: "My Dear Niece Alice - Your darling letter will be kept always by your Aunt Ora. It is so nicely written and so few mistakes and I am quite sure you will receive your certificate for penmanship. You and Evelyn both write very nicely. I am glad you all three get along so well in school. I hope you write to your grandma occasionally, too, when mother writes, as I am sure she would be glad to hear. "Ben and I have been spending our weekends at Glen Ellen and Ben has been painting the fence posts, the outside screened porch floor and touching up the outside windows. Last Sunday Uncle Nick began leveling the ground for the garage over there but I don't think we will build it right away. He is leaving home again Monday for a long trip and probably will visit the McCabe-Dent family & Mag Box in Los Angeles & also see some of our Tulare cousins. He wanted me to go with him but I didn't care to go.

"If you will let me know when you can come up I'll have a chicken dinner for you. Get daddy & mother to talk it over. Write again to your Aunt Ora.

"XXXXto Brother and Evelyn and XX for you. Oh, Alice, I made a mistake and addressed this to your mother. Pardon me, darling. Next time I shall try to remember"

1937 - 14 May letter from Aunt Ora in Petaluma to Alice: "Dear Niece Alice - I hope you have a happy birthday and many, many more of them. I look back on some very happy ones and some not so happy. I think you have a bright future ahead of you and hope you will always be happy.

"I am having a little vacation from work. Uncle Nick is away for a few days and I sure enjoy my own way of living when alone. Ben & Ila Grace had a lovely time

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in Humboldt Co and will be up there again over the memorial holiday. By the way, are you all coming up here to our reunion then? Come here the day before and we will all go together. We haven't decided on a place yet. And also tell your mother Ila Grace and I can't be down the 19th to OES as Ila Grace has to have her parents at G.E. (Glen Ellen) all that week. We will come though before she gets through the chairs.

"No news from any of my people. Not one word from the Stirling folks so haven't sent a wedding gift. Write to your loving Aunt Ora."

1939 - 21 Apr Arcata Union clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"HATCHERY MAN VISITS - Mr and Mrs N C Matzen of Petaluma spent several days in Arcata last week visiting at the home of their son, Dr Bernard Matzen and wife. Matzen is a former well known business man of Arcata, and has been for some years connected with the Pioneer Hatchery of Petaluma."

1939 - 12 Jun clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"Modern Homes for Local Citizens - Cornelius, Meyer & Cornell have commenced the erection of a seven-room house for Nick Matzen of Coady Court on his property on North Fair street. The plans call for a Colonial home with every modern convenience and when completed the owner and his wife will occupy the residence....."

1939 - 21 Jun letter from Aunt Ora to Alice: "Dear Niece - Glad to hear from you, dear, but so sorry to learn about your bad eye. I hope it clears up this summer so that you won't miss too much school. Life must be a dreary affair when one cannot read or study. Try to be out in the garden all you can and maybe that will help some.

"Now about Uncle Nick and going south with him. He is such an 'unknown quantity,' so to speak. He returned last Saturday from Utah, coming home via San Diego, L A & way points and left early on Monday for Humboldt Co where he is finishing up there. I do not know whether he has to go south any more till fall or not.

"He and I were packed to go to Arcata Sunday when we learned Ben & Ila Grace were coming down so I hurriedly unpacked and then Nick went up Monday & Ben & Ila Grace went up yesterday. All four of us went Sunday on Treasure Island. Fine weather there & we had a grand time. Ben & Ila Grace are spending the 4th of July at Bell Glen with the Turney family from here and Nick and I may also go there but I doubt it.

"I am quite amused at your learning a few words of Swedish. I used to hear a lot of it but never learned any of it.

"We are enjoying (?) some real warm weather - 84 degrees yesterday and 86 in my darkened dining room this minute. I have just showered and dressed for a club meeting at Mrs Wellers. Am leaving at 9:30 tomorrow morning for an all day club meeting at Oddfellows Park on Russian River. Expect to nearly roast, but must go. My weeks just fly by these times, but I enjoy my clubs very much.

"Letters from Bessie and Elma came a few days ago. Elma has been quite sick and in a hospital. Is better and out of the hospital now, tho.

"I hope you can read this and please let your mama read it. I am thinking of her on her anniversary today. LaVerne is 13 today also.

"Our new home is coming on nicely. I have to go up there after the party to tell them where I want certain windows. Both of us are quite thrilled at seeing our dream materialize. Uncle Nick especially so.

"Well, Alice, I must run - it's almost 2 and so with love to you all I am
Your Aunt Ora"

1940 - 14 Jun graduation card to Alice from Ora and Nick with a note:

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 "A sincere wish for you, Alice, from Aunt Ora and Uncle Nick."

1942 - 20 Jan letter from Thomas Lester JAMESON to Reuben BOX: ".....Your sister Ora paid us a surprise visit just three days before I got your letter. We had such a nice visit with her....."

1944 - 12 Aug Postcard from Morning Star Chapter No 61 O.E.S. includes:
 "...Nickels Matzen, W.P. (NOTE: stands for 'Worthy Patron')...Please give your hours to Red Cross Chairman.....or Co-chairman Ora Matzen..."

1958 - Undated, unattributed full-page clipping in Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook with Mrs Neva Hastings teaching memories: "....Among those who attended Salem and Grapevine, when I taught there, were the late Lester Guthrie....Miss Kathryn McCabe...Uhls and the Sam Box children." Ora, Reuben and Bessie were all in Mrs Hastings' classes at White River, and I remember her coming to some of the Tulare County family reunions at Kathryn McCabe's place in White River.

1958 - 4 June 10:45 Am letter from Aunt Ora on board the Matson Line ship MATSONIA to Mr and Mrs R P Box in Stirling City:
 "Dear Folks - So far so good - weather is fine & the old Pacific has been very quiet. It's 73 degrees now and beautiful.
 "Andy & Addie phoned us the night before we left that both had colds so would not be at the dock.
 "Ben and family took us down and five friends from Petaluma were there also.
 "I have heard of very little seasickness and Nick & I have been fine. It will be nice to land though. And we hope to see Bill (NOTE: her nephew, Bill MORGAN, Aunt Elma's son - in the Navy at the time) while in Honolulu.
 "Will sail for home on the 16th. Will have same state room as now. Meals are fine, just too much and too close together. We walk the deck a lot, too.
 "I seldom see Nick except at the table & in our stateroom.
 "Will have more news when I have seen Bill & Fran - As always, Ora"

1958 - 7 June from Honolulu: "Dear Folks - Having a wonderful time here. Billy & Fran are taking us everywhere on this Island - and we are enjoying it all. We have a small apartment but just eat our breakfast here. Beautiful weather, but the heat is sticky...about 80 at noon, I guess. Nice trip over on the Matsonia. Leaving on the 16th. Bill & Fran seeing us off. He has quite a bit of shore leave and is a fine man. We are getting acquainted with Fran, too. So long and Aloha from us both, Ora & Nick"

1959 - 6 Nov - Letter from Aunt Ora, "Home" to Andy and Addie:
 "Just a line to send on Anita's & Kathryn's letters. Very interesting.
 "I had tried to get Anita to come go with me to Tulare on Pioneer Day, but believe Nick & I will run down there for a night or so. Am not sure. He is so involved with his lodge work - just being courtesy officer, etc. that we may not get off.
 "Wish you folks could have been free to take me. So unsatisfactory with N.C. He doesn't know how to visit. I miss Bessie so much at times like this. I have written K. (Kathryn McCabe) that we may not be there at all.
 "We are all ok here. Arleen taking her tests on Dec 5 at U.C. for her entrance into college in fall. Going to Europe with students in June soon after graduation from Hi.
 "Glad K. has decided to go traveling again. Having Mrs Hastings at her new place must have been a pleasure.
 "Come when you can - get lonesome to see you. Love from Ora."

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1960 - 5 Dec note from Aunt Ora on Uncle Reuben's birthday card:

"Dear Brother Reuben, We got home in fine time from Stirling City and were glad to have had a nice visit with you folks.

"Now we hope you will be down our way any time. Andy & Addie staid 2 nights with us last weekend. Both well.

"Ben is on the plane to Columbia University for a week of new things to learn in his profession.

"Arleen has been out of school all week with 'flu,' but is in S.F. all day today having tests for college next Fall. (The birthday poem follows:

"Again it's the date Of that fortunate morn - That is down on my slate As the day you were born...And I'm glad as can be That the stork had the grace To leave you and me In the very same place!") Sincerely, Ora & Nick"

1961 - 18 Dec letter from Ora in Napa to Flo Guthrie in Porterville:

"Dear Flo - We are so pleased to get John & Marian's card with picture - Please thank them for us. We were unable to attend the Pioneer Day last Nov as Nick's eyes are getting so bad he drives as little as possible these days.

I sold my car in March as I was afraid to drive any more. We have our home here up for sale and when sold we will move back to Petaluma where we can walk or taxi to our lodges, etc. Lived here 10 years last Oct 3 and hate to move away from Ben and family, but need to be with old time friends. We were too old to make new ones in this town. Ben's children are grown - Arleen is in Univ of Pacific in Stockton and expects to go to Germany next yr for music studies & Vernon is in Jr College here before entering the armed forces. So Ben & wife expect to move closer to town also.

"We go to Cow Palace nearly every year & stop by John's picture to make a silent wish for him & his family for all good things.

"Well, Flo - we do not mail cards any more but I try to write our nearest & dearest little notes.

"So will wish all you Guthrie cousins the best of everything and come see us when up this way. Sincerely, Ora and Nick" There is a sketch of the First Presbyterian Church, Napa, California on the front of the note and Aunt Ora wrote at the top "My church here in Napa - almost 108 years old."

1964 - Aunt Anita's 1964 scrapbook obituaries and editorials:

1) "A three car accident at Highway 101 and Gravenstein Hwy South Saturday at 4:55 pm resulted in the death of Mrs Ora F Matzen, 18 Laurel Ave, Petaluma and injuries to three other persons involved in the accident. "California Highway Patrol officers said that cars driven by Ralph Birdwell, ... and Andrew Willison, ... were travelling north on Highway 101.

"A third car, driven by Norul Moore, was ... westbound on Gravenstein Highway. "Mrs Matzen and her husband, Nickles Matzen, 83, were in the car, driven by Willison. Daniel Palston, ... was also a passenger in the Birdwell car. Mrs Matzen, 79, died Sunday afternoon at Hillcrest Hospital.

"The Highway Patrol has not yet ascertained the cause of the accident.

"Others in the accident which took place on Gravenstein Highway, near the Highway 101 overpass, included Ralph Birdwell, ... and Norul Moore,

"Willison is in Hillcrest Hospital with bruises and contusions and is in fairly good condition. Matzen suffered a head injury and multiple contusions. Birdwell and Moore were treated and released."

"SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME, 400 Washington St - MATZEN - In Petaluma April 5, 1964. Ora F Matzen, beloved wife of Nickles C Matzen of Petaluma. Loving mother of Dr Bernard Matzen of Napa. Grandmother of Arleen and Vernon Matzen of Napa. Sister of Reuben Box of Stirling City, California and Mrs Elma Clemons of Stockton. A member of Morning Star Chapter of Eastern Star No 61, Galilee

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Shrine No 48 White Shrine of Jerusalem, Danner Lodge No 4 Golden Star Lodge No 126, Petaluma Rebekah Lodge No 86, and the First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma. A native of White River, California, aged 78 years.

"Friends are invited to attend the funeral services Thursday, April 9, 1964 at 2:00 pm at the Chapel of the Sorensen Funeral Home. Entombment Cypress Hill Memorial Park. Those who prefer may make contributions to the Petaluma First Presbyterian Church Building Fund."

"Sonoma Woman Dies of Accident Injuries - PETALUMA, Sonoma Co -

"Mrs Ora Matzen, 79, Petaluma, died of injuries suffered in a three car crash near Cotati, Sonoma County. Mrs Matzen and her husband, Nickles, were riding in a car driven by Andrew Willison, 76, Petaluma, Saturday.

"The accident, also involving Ralph Birdwell, 22, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, later jailed for felony drunk driving, and Norul Moore, 48, Novato, still is under investigation.

"Mrs Matzen died Sunday."

An Editorial - probably in the PETALUMA ARGUS, but not marked.

"THE LOSS OF TWO FRIENDS - We have been speaking the praises of those who have died, almost as if this were an obituary column. There are two more of whom we would speak, for we have lost two good friends in the last few days. Our long association with Ed Henderson ...

Our association with Mrs Ora Matzen dates back to the early days of the 20-30 Club in Petaluma, when we first knew her as the mother of our friend Dr Ben Matzen. It continued through our association with her husband, Nick Matzen, in lodge work. The tragic circumstances of her death made our sorrow more poignant. To the families of both friends we offer our sincere sympathy."

1964 - Aunt Anita's 1968 scrapbook has the following undated, unattributed and very long clipping about the accident that resulted in Aunt Ora's death. From the dates in the article, it appears the court procedures were in the week following the accident.

"Novatan Charged With Drunk Driving, Felony Manslaughter -

"The Sonoma County preliminary hearing for Ralph Birdwell was scheduled to continue today at 10 am.

"Santa Rosa Municipal Court Judge A F Scheidecker last week agreed to the one week postponement at the request of Birdwell's attorney, Public Defender Marteen Miller.

"Birdwell, 42, of Novato, is charged with drunk driving and felony manslaughter in the recent death of Mrs Ora F Matzen of Petaluma.

"The purpose of the preliminary hearing, which began April 10, is for the judge to decide whether the evidence warrants holding Birdwell to answer to further legal proceedings in Superior Court.

"Birdwell,.... has pleaded innocent to charges of felony manslaughter and felony drunk driving in the death of Mrs Ora F Matzen, 78.

"Mrs Matzen was a passenger with her husband, Nickels, in a compact car driven by Andrew Willison and sustained a fatal head injury when the Willison car was rammed by Birdwell's station wagon on Highway 101 at the Cotati overpass at about 5 pm April 4. Mrs Matzen succumbed the following day at a Petaluma hospital.

"WITNESSES

"Two prosecution witnesses, called to the stand April 10 by Deputy District Attorney Robert Leahy helped lay the groundwork for the charges levied against Birdwell.

"Leonard Jackson, 17, of Santa Rosa, testified that he was one of three passengers in the Birdwell car during a six-hour outing and that Birdwell had

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consumed during that time 'twelve or more' cans of beer and that Birdwell had been driving at speeds between 80 and 90 miles an hour most of the way from Petaluma to Santa Rosa prior to the accident.

"He also testified that Birdwell passed cars on the right as well as on the left during the ride. He denied, however, that Birdwell was drunk at the time basing his opinion on grounds that he had 'seen him when he was drunk.'

"Pierre Wirtz, a Santa Rosa cabinet maker, testified that he was headed north in his car and that when he was about 1-1/2 miles from the Cotati overpass Birdwell's station wagon passed him 'going about 90 miles an hour.'

Wirtz said he was doing about 65 at the time.

"He said that when he arrived at the scene of the accident he saw Birdwell standing on the freeway smiling.

"I told him to 'Stop smiling, you fool,' and he told me I was nuts," said Wirtz.

"NERVOUS REACTION

"He agreed under cross examination that Birdwell's smile 'could have been a nervous reaction.'

"Others to take the witness stand were Willison, ... who said he didn't know how the accident happened because he had been hit from behind. Willison added that he sustained injuries of the knee, elbow, chest and shoulder and that he and Mr and Mrs Matzen were taken to the hospital where he spent three days.

"Dr Leonard J Kreissl Jr, a pathologist, testified that Mrs Matzen died of an acute hemorrhage in the brain resulting from the blow she received although her skull was not fractured.

"Birdwell, who had been in custody in the county jail since the accident, was released shortly after the hearing April 10 recessed after he raised the \$1100 bail on which he was held."

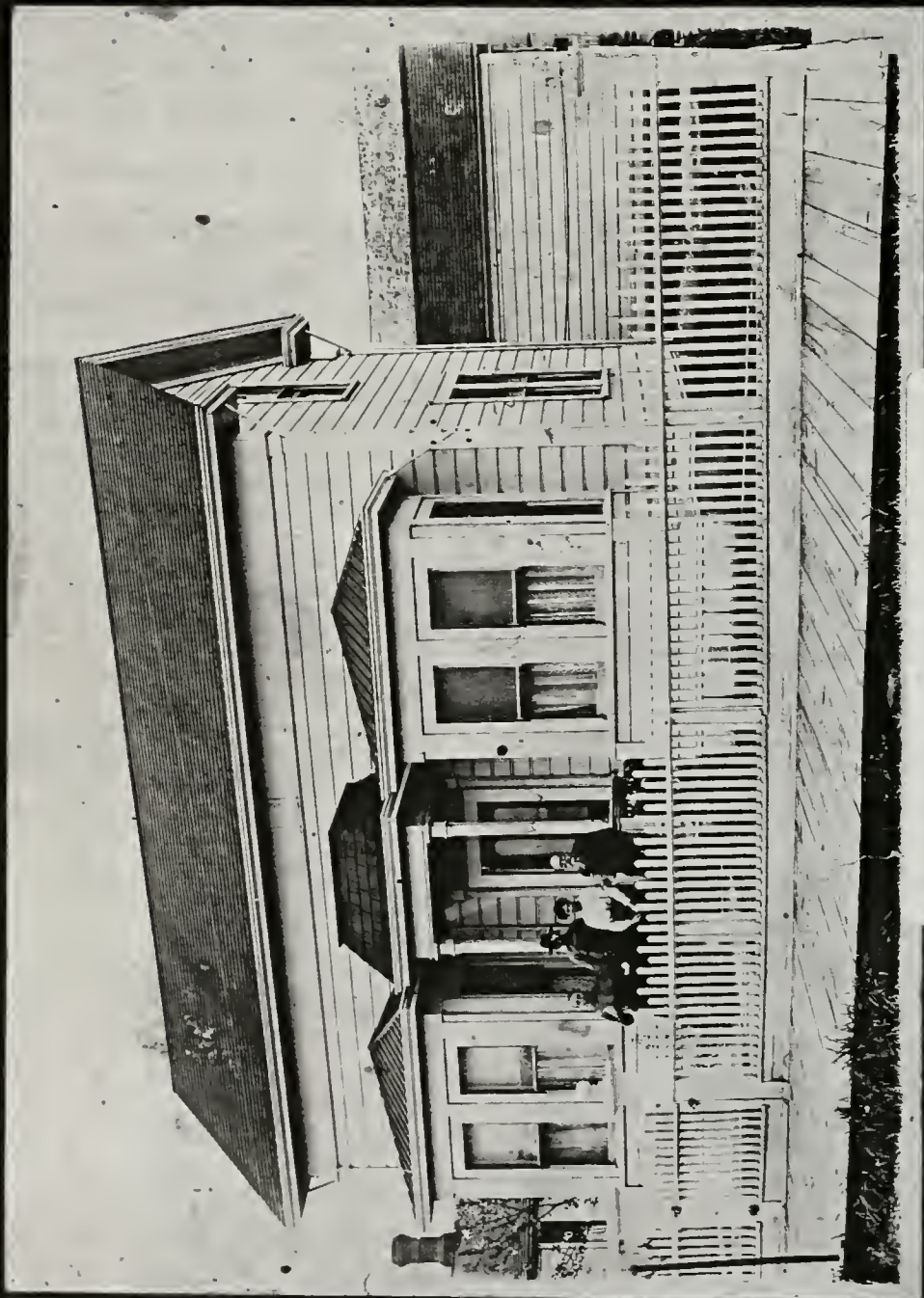
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ARCATA, CA

Nick, Ora and Ben Matzen, abt 1908



Minnie Matzen Bleuss' Arcata home on G St
Ora & Sam Box with 2 friends. Elma Box was
born in right bay window; Ora & Nick were
married in the left bay window!
Picture taken in 1905

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1880 - Nickels "Nick" Cornelius MATZEN b 9 Oct 1880 Isle of Fohr, Germany
 m Ora Frances BOX 25 Jun 1905 Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 d 12 May 1974, Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Cypress Hill Mausoleum, Petaluma

1898? - May-June 1972 The Humboldt Historian, official organ of Humboldt County Historical Society, p 6, Letters to the Editor, from Ben Matzen, 7th paragraph: "My father, Nick Matzen, came to Arcata from Germany when he was 18 years old, living with his aunt, Mrs Minnie Bleuss. In later years he was employed by Brizards and managed their outside stores. Dad is now 91-1/2 years old and is in a convalescent hospital on B Street, Petaluma, CA."
 (for complete text of this letter see Ben Matzen's Notes-)

1904 - 31 Mar letter from Uncle Nick to Mrs Elma Box, Korbelt: "Dear Friend! I got your most wellcome letter yesterday. I was glad to hear from you once more, I'm very busy, but I try to answer your letter so soon as possible. It is too bad I could not go to Korbelt with Mrs Bleuss today. I hope Ora will be down tomorrow. I think there is no question that she can fill the place. I spoke to Mr Huda himself. I told him Ora never waited before on a table in a Hotel, that's all right he said, that's nothing; and don't you worry about your children what you got to leave here when you move. We stick up for them and they will find a home all the time by my aunt. I understand Ora don't like to leave you now, but she never will have this chance again. No something else. "Well Mrs Box I promised you to come up soon. I can't tell what day, but I come, if I can't come on a Sunday, I will come someday in the week. I don't think you move soon; I would like to make it that way to see Mr Box, too, and we will have heaven & earth together, or something like it. "How is little Bessie, still fat. I find her all right when I come to Korbelt. How is Mildred? Still coughing, that takes a quite a while before she gets over that -- I just think you have a big time tonight with Mrs Bleuss. "Mr Bleuss is Chief Cook now, I tell you we been living way up tonight. I hope that weather clears up now. We been very busy the last days. I will close tonight. Give my best regards to everybody. Yours, as ever, Nickels"
 (NOTE: I copied this letter almost literally It must be remembered that Uncle Nick had been here only 6 years when he wrote this. The handwriting is quite legible Spencerian-type script, and most of it astonishingly clear considering his probable unfamiliarity with the English language.)

1905 - Married Ora Frances BOX 25 June, by Reverend C P Hessel.

1909 - May clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "Bought a Grocery Store - Mr N C Matzen, formerly of Korbelt, where he was employed in the store as clerk, is now a resident of San Francisco. The gentleman has just purchased a store at 17th Market and Castro streets, San Francisco and he is doing well..."

1914 - Nick was a ranger at Uhl Station in Tulare County in 1914.

1924 - Nick to San Francisco with Ben, who entered San Francisco Prep School preparatory to entering College of Physicians and Surgeons in the Fall.

Bef 1929 - Undated clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook just below the following clipping about Uncle Nick's mother's death:

"Mr Matzen returned home Sunday, after an extended visit with relatives in Germany. It was reported that his mother and sister would come to California with him, but they will not arrive until the last of this year."

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1929 - 18 Feb clipping, Aunt Ora's book re the death of Uncle Nick's mother here in California. All the years we knew Uncle Nick he brought members of his family here from Germany, helped educate and train them for living in the U.S. I believe his mother and sister were the among the first to arrive.

"DEATH OF MRS C C MATZEN - Mrs Charlotte Christina Matzen, a native of the Island of Fohr, Germany,...died at the home of Mrs M Bleuss in Arcata on Monday after a short illness. Deceased, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Margaret Nommsen, arrived in Petaluma from Germany about six months ago and had been living in Arcata for the past three months..."

1939 - Aunt Anita's 1938-40 scrapbook, article in Spring "Pioneer Hatchings:" " 'Nick' Matzen, our sales manager, is perhaps better known to our thousands of customers scattered throughout the western states than any other member of the Pioneer family. He annually calls on (most) of our customers...He uses up an automobile each year, traveling about 50,000 miles, and during the 15 years he has been with us has covered about 750,000 miles, or 30 times around the world. "Born on the island of Fuhr, off the coast of Denmark, Nick came to this country in 1902, and before joining the Pioneer family, successfully conducted a poultry ranch of his own in Petaluma..."

1957 - 19 June letter from Nick in Germany to Anita and Reuben Box:

"Here I am again at the Island of Fohr...Ora wrote she had a good fish feed at your place ...just returned from Copenhagen...an old city, lots to see, very clean, but just another town to me. After all, I have seen a lot of places, including Hyampom...Ora wrote she & Elma had a nice trip to Arcata and from there to your place. I saw the King's palace in Copenhagen, very much in need of paint. The Danes have no money, no industry. England sold Denmark down the river. She doesn't buy anything from the Danes. Germany and Sweden are her good supporters. 6 more weeks and I will be going back. Regards to all. Nick.

1974 - Aunt Anita's 1974 scrapbook obituary - she wrote "May 12 1974:"

"NICKELS MATZEN - Private funeral for Nickels (Nick) C Matzen, longtime Southern Sonoma hatcheryman, will be tomorrow at Sorensen Funeral Home in Petaluma. Matzen, 93, died Sunday in a local hospital after a long illness. "From 1912 until his retirement in 1950 he was the western states sales manager for the Pioneer Hatchery of Petaluma... He was born on the Isle of Fohr off the coast of Northern Germany,...to (US) 1902. For about 10 years worked as a lumberman and forest ranger in Arcata and Humboldt Co. His wife, Ora, died in 1964... "... member of many Bay Area Masonic organizations,... a past commander Knight Templar in Petaluma...a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows in Petaluma, the Dania Lodge and the Danish Brotherhood in Petaluma. "Matzen is survived by a son, Dr Bernard Matzen of Sonoma, and by two great-grandchildren.

"Entombment will be private at the Cypress Hill Mausoleum in Petaluma..."



Party on Nobe Young Lookout Peak abt 1916:
l to r: Nick, Marion Young, Lawrence White,
Laura Uhl, Mrs White & baby, Cliff Uhl,
Ben, Ora.

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1906 - Bernhard/Bernard "Ben" MATZEN b 29 Mar 1906, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 Parents: Nickels "Nick" Cornelius MATZEN & Ora Frances BOX
 m Ila Grace burns 28 Jun 1936, Two Rock Valley, Sonoma Co, CA

1912 - 13 Sep -Ora's book: "Reward of Merit" awarded to Bernhard Matzen from his teacher, A Harney, Public Schools of San Francisco.

1918 - 16 Jul letter, Ben to his mother: "Dear Mama:- We are at ant Ana's house, and had a rough trip, it was bumpie but the ford made every thing... We was talking all the way up that mama would like to go to Red Bluff. The first night we stoped at Latenvill and went in the Hotol and a meal for 65 cents...How everything changed up here. All moved away... The first day we was coasting down a hill and was going around a turn, and there came another ford, and papa put on the brakes and skid the tires quite a little bit, but didn't hurt. That was all that happened very bad. All the road was only six inches to spare and then hard to pass cars, some times we had to back up a steep hill to get by.
 "Well as we are nearly ready to go I must close. Bernhard Matzen - Please write as I would like to heare from you. I will write soon...."

1920 - 16 Aug letter, Ben to his mother: "Home..Dear Mother:...School is getting along fine - only the 8th grade is quite a bit harder than the 7th so I study at home lots. I start in to study as soon as I get the water filled up and quit at setting hencatching time and then I study in the morning some, too..
 "We are getting 2 or 3 eggs a day from the little poulllets now,...The big hen are down...but I think they will come up soon as I think they were molting...
 "Has father got a buck yet? ..Could you send me a box of 22 longs some time as I want to go hunting with my real rifle... Henry & Herbert are sure holy terriers... I painted half Emil's barn last Sunday and got \$1.25. Quite a while ago I helped Emil fix his fence and I got \$1.50. "I read every Sat & Sun in my Bible. I take a bath every wk. Anna never has to pull the string any more. I always wake up about 15 min to 6 and then I make up my bed and by that time it is time to go to work. "Well I guess this is all for this time. B Matzen."

1920 - Following Aunt Anita Box's surgery in 1920, Ben wrote the following letter to Uncle Reuben: "Arcata, Cal, Nov 29, 1920 - Dear uncle Reuben: I hope Aunt Anita is better by now. I have \$20.98 in the bank and if you need it just let me know, as I have no use for it and it might help you some.
 "I am beginning to run the ranch for father and he says he will pay me wages; but I'll wait until I see the color of it, Anyway I am going to try it. Love to Aunt Anita, Beryl and Norman. Your nephew, Bernhard Matzen."

1924 - Clipping in Ora"s book:

"BERNARD MATZEN WILL STUDY DENTISTRY - Nick Matzen returned from San Francisco last week where he accompanied his son Bernard, who has entered the San Francisco University Preparatory School. The young man, who has attended the Arcata high school for the past three years needed but one credit to graduate this year, and expects in a few weeks to secure credits enough to enable him to enter the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco in the fall. The young man will study to become a dentist. He was enrolled in the Teachers College Summer School and attended for more than a week but decided to make the change in order to get ready for the dental college in the fall."

1924 - 2 Sep postcard from Ben in San Francisco to his parents in Arcata:
 "Dear Ma & Pa - First day of College - Well, I got thru the first day successfully, but I hear the Sophs are going to make it hot for us

Arcata, Cal.,

Nov. 29, 1920

Dear uncle Reuben:

I hope Aunt Anita is better by now. I have \$20.98 in the bank and if you need it just let me know, as I have no use for it and it might help you some.

I am beginning to run the ranch for father and he says he will pay me wages; but I'll wait until I see the color of it. Any way I am going to try it.

Love to Aunt Anita, Beryl, and Norma.

Your nephew,
Bernhard Matzen.

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next week... So far college is great... I saw the Anatomy dissecting room today, and I almost lost my appetite. (There were 5 or 6 dead bodies to work on) This will be all for this time. Your son, Bernard Matzen,

1925 - Ben graduated from Arcata Union High School, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA.

1928 - Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "ARCATA STUDENTS WIN HONORS - Arcata union high school has added two more of her sons to the scholarship honor roll and word was received here this week that Bernard Matzen of the class of '25, and Clemens McClaskey were graduated last week from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco with first and second honors respectively. The degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was conferred upon both Arcatans.

"Bernard Matzen, son of Mr and Mrs Nick Matzen, was awarded the Dean's Gold Medal for excellency in scholarship of the class of 1928. He was likewise awarded the first prize of the Gold Foil contest, in which ten of the best scholars in the university competed...

"Bernard Matzen was likewise chosen as Editor-in-Chief of the college annual 'Chips.' This signal honor, along with the others is remarkable because (of) the competition with hundreds of students from larger cities and high schools.

"Both Bernard and Clemens were students of high standing at the local school and their achievements in the college world deserves the hearty congratulations of Arcata's citizenry and the highest esteem of the...trustees and faculty.

"There are many ways in which a city may be brought to the front, but the scholarship achievements of her sons is by far the most effective. The Union joins with the many friends of Bernard and Clemens in...congratulations.

"According to the information received here Bernard will probably commence his practice in Petaluma."

1928 - Ben graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in San Francisco on Tuesday, May 15, 1928.

1928 - Aug clipping, Ora's book: "Dr Bernard Matzen Opens Office Here -

"Dr Bernard Matzen who recently graduated with honors from the College of Physicians & Surgeons as a dental surgeon has completed fitting up his modern offices in the McNear building on lower Main street and has commenced the practice of his profession.

"His offices have been equipped with the latest and modern equipment and tools and he has spared no expense to have as fine an office as money could provide. He has provided every late innovation in the dental line and invites inspection of his office. His card appears in this paper.

"Dr Matzen is no stranger to this city but he and his people have legions of friends here so that he is sure to acquire a large list of patrons. He is the only son of Mr and Mrs N C Matzen, his father having been for years holding a responsible position with the management of Pioneer Hatchery...Dr Matzen will be welcomed back to his home city and will be wished the best of success. He is most enthusiastic over his chosen profession."

1928 - Ora's book has picture captioned: "Ben's waiting room while in McNear Building." Shows attractively furnished room with pictures, flowers, magazines and comfortable-looking wicker furniture.

1928? - Same page as above three pictures of "Ben's new Buick" -
-1) Ben standing in front, 2) Aunt Ora sitting on the running board near wire-wheeled spare tire, 3) Aunt Ora sitting in the snazzy little Coupe.

aft 1928 - Undated clipping on same page as those above: "Enjoyed Visit at

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Country Home - Mrs N C Matzen and her son, Dr Bernard Matzen, have returned after a brief stay at their summer home in Glen Ellen near the Jack London ranch. They had a delightful visit while in the Sonoma Valley which is very beautiful at this season of the year."

1935 - Clipping : "Petaluma 20-30 Club...Dr Ben Matzen, the club's champion fisherman, presented with a fisherman's hat with signatures of all members.

1936 - 14 Apr - Ora's book clipping: "DENTISTS NAME NEW OFFICERS- "A dinner meeting of the Sonoma County Dental Society was held in Santa Rosa Monday night...Other officers elected included Dr Bernard Matzen,...Secretary."

1936 - Clipping, Ora's scrapbook: "20-30 Clubmen Hear Banker - The regular weekly meeting of the 20-30 Club... Dr Ben Matzen, having recently announced his engagement to be married, was serenaded with several songs..."

1936 - Ora's book clipping: "VITAL STATISTICS - Marriage Licenses (Issued) - Barnard (sic) Matzen, 30,... and Ila Grace Burns, 22,..."

1936 - 2 complete pages of Aunt Ora's scrapbook are filled with 12 clippings about Ben and Ila Grace's parties, showers, suppers and wedding: (excerpts)

1) "Miss Ila Grace Burns to Wed Dr Mernard Matzen - At the home of Mr and Mrs Thomas Burns,...a few relatives and friends were entertained Sunday afternoon...During the afternoon Miss Burns' engagement to Dr Bernard Matzen was announced. It came as a surprise to friends of the couple.

"The lovely blonde bride-elect has made her home in Petaluma for the past ten years, coming here with her parents from Alberta, Canada. She was graduated from the Petaluma high school with the class of '32, and was an active member of the Cherokee Group of Campfire Girls and Petaluma Chapter, Order of Rainbow for girls. Of late she has been filling the position of dental nurse in the office of Dr Matzen....

"Dr Matzen is the only son of Mr and Mrs N C Matzen...and was born in Arcata, Humboldt County. He is a graduate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco. He has resided in Petaluma for the past eight years where he has been practicing dentistry. He is a past member of De Molay, and an active member of the 20-30 Club and Occidental Lodge No 22, F & A M, San Francisco.."

2) "Ila Grace Burns Complimented At Party - Miss Ila Grace Burns, bride-elect of Dr Bernard Matzen, was complimented at a party given recently at the home of Mr and Mrs Nickels C Matzen...

"Miss Burns has been entertained most extensively since the announcement of her engagement to Dr Matzen and is one of the popular members of the younger set. The couple will be married at the Two Rock Presbyterian church on Sunday, June 28, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Rev B L Brittin, the pastor who officiated at the wedding of Miss Burns' two sisters, will read the service. He is an old friend of both families. Friends will be welcome to attend the ceremony. A reception will be held at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr and Mrs Thomas Burns...following the wedding. The couple will reside in the Mount Apartments, 101 Liberty Street...Miss Burns received a lovely guest gift...."

3) "Buffet Supper for Engaged Couple -

"Sunday night Mr and Mrs Royce F Anderson and Mr and Mrs Ray Emenegger entertained at a buffet supper...in honor of the engaged couple...Monopoly was played... A gift was presented to the young couple..."

4) "Dr Charles Bascom was host... at a dinner party... honoring Miss Ila Grace Burns and Dr Bernard Matzen, whose wedding will soon take place...

5) "JUNE PICKED FOR WEDDING OF MISS ILA GRACE BURNS AND DR B MATZEN AT TWO ROCK...The latest bride-elect to select the month for her wedding is the

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blonde Miss Ila Grace Burns. She will be married to Dr Bernard Matzen at the little rural church in Two Rock...Miss Norma Duffy, niece of the bride-elect, will be her maid of honor. Dr Charles Bascom will be the bridegroom's best man. Donald Burns will give his lovely sister in marriage..."

6) "Mrs Gerald Turney Fetes Sister At Pre-Nuptial Party - At a dinner Monday evening, Mrs W Gerald Turney entertained for her sister, Miss Ila Grace Burns evening's entertainment was the moving pictures shown by Dr Matzen. The scenes were various places visited by Dr Matzen during his vacations..."

7) "Miss Ila Burns Honored at Shower - Miss Ila Grace Burns..."

was the complimented guest at a personal shower given...

by Mrs Glenn Tarwater. During the evening 'cootie' was enjoyed..."

8) "MR AND MRS MATZEN AND PARTY RETURN HOME - Mr and Mrs Nickels

C Matzen and their son, Dr Bernard Matzen, and his fiancée, Miss Ila Grace Burns, have returned from Eel River, where Dr Matzen and his father enjoyed fishing for trout. They made their headquarters at Lane Grove..."

9) "MISS ILA GRACE BURNS BRIDE OF DR BERNARD MATZEN AT SERVICE IN QUIANT CHURCH - Summer blossoms in the charming interior of the quaint Two Rock church lent their fragile beauty for the wedding Sunday afternoon of the lovely Miss Ila Grace Burns and Dr Bernard Matzen...There were hundreds of guests who heard the service read by the Rev B L Brittin, the pastor, and saw the bride given in marriage by her brother, Donald Burns....White lace formed the bridal gown, fashioned on long, flowing lines from an Empire bodice... "Following the ceremony dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents. The large tiered cake was made by Mrs Matzen, the mother of the bridegroom... "The young couple have been one of the most entertained of those of the engaged set since the announcement of their betrothal last March."

1936 - Undated clipping, Ora's book: "Dr, Mrs Matzen Home From Honeymoon - "Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen (Ila Grace Burns)... have returned from the wedding tour, which included Lake Tahoe, the Sierras, Pitt River and San Francisco. In San Francisco Dr Matzen attended the dental convention..."

aft 1936 - Undated clipping, Ora's book: "Dentists Entertain Wives, Assistants- Fashion Show Highlight of Dinner Party for 100 - There were 100 present for the dinner party given...by members of the Napa-Solano District Dental Society to honor wives and dental assistants...High point of the evening was a fashion show....Master of ceremonies...was Dr Bernard Matzen... Eight young women of the dental group were models... With the exception of Mrs Bernard Matzen, all were dental assistants... Dr Matzen was general chairman of the evening and other members of the committee were...all of Napa."

1937 - Undated clipping, Ora's book, probably around 28 Jun: "Dr, Mrs B Matzen Honored On 1st Anniversary - A group of friends gathered at the N C Matzen home...to honor the first wedding anniversary of their son and daughter-in-law, Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen... Coronation whist was played... "Dr and Mrs Matzen were presented with a lovely gift... Mrs Matzen was very charming in her wedding gown of white lace... "Dr and Mrs Matzen left Wednesday for Eureka on a vacation trip, to be away for a week or ten days. Dr Matzen expects to fish in Upper Mad River."

pre 1939 - Undated clipping, Ora's book: "Dr Matzen in Fine New Office - Dr Bernard Matzen has moved from the McNear building to the Prince Building... The new office has been attractively fitted up and equipped with the latest instruments... Dr Matzen will now conduct full time office hours..."

1939 - Arcata Union clipping, Ora's book: "Dr Ben Matzen Attends Session -

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Dr... and Mrs Matzen returned home after a week in San Francisco where Dr Matzen attended the dental convention. He also took special work in orthodontia given by Dr Spencer Atkinson at the College of Physicians..."

abt 1939 - Clipping, Ora's book: "Mrs. Dr Matzen Feted While On Visit Here - Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen motored here from Arcata Saturday night...Dr Matzen, who is taking a special course in dentistry with Dr Vernon Hunt at Arcata, returned north later, while his attractive young wife remained here to visit with her parents...and Dr Matzen's parents, She expects to return to Arcata next week...Dr Matzen enjoys the snow in the northern city and is one of the Humboldt Ski club organizers, taking a strong interest in the sport, as does Mrs Matzen. During her...visit Mrs Matzen has been extensively entertained... Wednesday afternoon she was the guest of honor at a tea... On Friday Mrs N C Matzen will entertain at a tea at her home... Saturday afternoon Mrs Charles Bascom will invite... the younger set to a bridge luncheon ..."

1942 - 16 Mar - Mildred Arleen born in Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA

1943 - 2 June - Vernon Charles born in Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has two pages of the article by Wilma Jane Kirk in what I presume to be the Napa newspaper, featuring Ben and Ila Grace's home in Napa as "Home of the Week." (excerpts)
 "Matzen Home Features City-Country Living - All the joys of country living combined with the convenience of city life are found in the home of Dr and Mrs Bernhard Matzen...If snow were..in Napa..the Matzens..could enjoy one of their favorite sports, that of skiing, on the rolling hills of their vast back yard. "Another family sport is that of archery and the family has... an archery range adjacent to the swimming pool...Arleen has a play house, life-sized, and the Doctor spends his leisure hours in a woodworking shop...In addition to knitting and sewing, (Mrs Matzen's) activities include being a den mother for Pack 130 and she will be a 4-H leader when Vernon joins the Browns Valley group. Both she and Dr Matzen are members of the Browns Valley Family Club... Meetings of (her) Cub Scout Den are held in the full basement...
 "The play yard... contains a slide, gymnastic equipment and usually a yard full of bicycles and boys. Picnic facilities...beneath a large shade tree...
(A long, detailed description of the interior decorations and furniture follow...an eloquent testimonial to Ila Grace's interior decorating skills)..
 The next section about Ben himself reads: "Small Office - At the head of the stair landing leading from the living room, Dr Matzen has rigged a small 'at-home' office. The room, formerly that of Arleen, contains a large rolltop desk and single bed. As in the lives of all busy doctors, there are some things which just must be done at home, and this is the room in which the doctor has chosen to do them..

1955 - June 14 giant-size postcard from Ila Grace and Ben in Hawaii to Anita and Reuben: "(We) are having a wonderful time - swell place to relax, spend money and grow fat. I may never feel like working again! Sure wish the kids were here - swimming is grand. First time I tried one of these boards I sure got dunked. Weather is wonderful - shirtsleeves all the time - no flies, no bicycles - little noise - and the natives are all so polite - of course they want you to live to spend. Flight over was exciting - very smooth over clouds at nite - going back during the day. Hope the folks don't cause you a lot of trouble. Love from Ben & I.G."

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1958 - 2 May NAPA REGISTER has a picture and article on Napa County 4-H News: "GETTING READY FOR EXHIBIT DAY - Working in the living room of 4-H Leader....Vernon Matzen and Jack Remedi get set to show the danger of frayed and worn electric cords...."

1958 - 3 May NAPA REGISTER clipping in Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook: "Whole Family Plays, Works Together at Dr Matzen Home, by Jim Young - The family that prays and plays together will stay together...Such a family is (that) of Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen who live in a hill top home...As a visitor approaches the Matzen home he soon becomes aware that someone is expending a lot of energy keeping the neat yard spick and span. The some one (is) the whole family who work together to maintain the shrubs, walks, archery range, swimming pool, tether ball pole, basket-ball backboard and hoop, and the shop where Dr Matzen... makes arrows and repairs bows. ARCHERY FANS - He and Mrs Matzen often participate in meets of the Silverado Archers. They have a trophy which was given them for the highest husband and wife combination score in a Silverado meet. The Silverado group also awarded him a trophy for the best actual score of their recent meet. At San Jose this month he copped the trophy for the Bare Bow, Double American type of round. CHURCH ORGANIST - Organist for the Christian Science Sunday School, daughter Arleen is the only musician in the family, playing on both the organ and piano which are in the home... An active 4-H leader, Mrs Ila Grace Matzen, has been interested in that work for the past five years and has helped Arleen and son Vernon with their project work. Vernon is president of the Brown's Valley 4-H club this year, as was Arleen last year.. The spacious, kitchen has a sizeable table... (where) family meals are eaten, and here too the youngsters work at their lessons, and their 4-H projects... and where, characteristically enough, all the members of the family often gather for those moments in the busy day when the pleasure of being together takes precedence over all else. Most likely quiet moments, prayerful moments, moments of conversation which take place in this bright, comfortable corner will be among the most precious memories of the all-for-one, one-for-all Matzen family."

1972 - May-June Humboldt Historian, official organ of Humboldt County Historical Society, p6, Letters to the Editor: "Dear Editor: Being born in Arcata, March 29, 1906, I call myself a 'young old timer.' Some of my early friends were Herbie Lawson and Willy Touhey of Blue Lake; Dr Clemens McClaskey, William Lundberg and Buddy Fleckenstein of Arcata. Grammar school days saw me enrolled in the one room Washington School at McKinleyville. I sat in the big double seats that my mother, Ora Box, had used when she went to the same school in the '80's. My teacher was the wonderful and very capable Miss Emily Morris. The A.U.H.S. and a session at the Arcata Humboldt Normal prepared me for dental college. "Two of my cousins and their families still live in the McKinleyville area, Herbert and Henry Sorensen. Henry has been in the news now and then for his unique and interesting hobby of railroading. Several real, live narrow gauge engines along with considerable rolling stock and about a mile of track can be seen on his ranch. (In Myrna he has a very under-standing wife.) "When small, my mother and I made several steamer trips between Eureka and San Francisco. Each one was quite an occasion. Once in a severe storm while crossing the Humboldt bar, our vessel touched bottom and then lurched on over. The same storm prevented us from entering the Golden Gate, so we wallowed for twelve hours off the coast. With no radio communication everyone thought we had gone down. Needless to say, Dad was real worried."

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 "My good friend, Dr Vernon L Hunt helped inspire and guide me into the study of dentistry. Later on, I spent six wonderful years as an apprentice orthodontist in his offices. We worked and studied hard, and also found time for many fishing and hunting trips together. Such a friend you get to know well. The people of Arcata and Humboldt County and the profession of dentistry lost a wonderful man.

"As a side light, I might mention that during high school, three of us planned on a dental career, J Franklin Davis, Dr Clemens McClaskey and myself. Music brought J Franklin and me together. He tried in vain to make a piccolo and flute player out of me. Many the warm summer evening my sour piccolo notes floated over the quiet McKinleyville country. Barking dogs frequently accompanied me.

"My father, Nick Matzen, came to Arcata from Germany when he was 18 years old, living with his aunt, Mrs Minnie Bleus. In later years he was employed by Brizards and managed their outside stores. Dad is now 91-1/2 years old and is in a convalescent hospital on B Street, Petaluma, CA.

"Of interest to some, could be the formation of the Humboldt Ski Club by Dr Harold Carson, Paul Pelligrini, Eddie Koskalia, myself and others. Many enjoyable trips to Berry Summit and Grouse Mountain and stays at the Enquist cabins, highlighted a chapter in my life.

"Although now retired and living in Sonoma, California, I will always cherish my memories of Humboldt County and be continually proud that I am a native Arcatan. Sincerely yours, DR BERNARD MATZEN...."

1973 - 4 Jan letter from Ben: "'Hi' Alice and Glen, Enjoyed your card and note - also pleased that you will soon retire, Alice. It's been grand for me.

"As to your study of our family tree - I think it's so worth while and a lot of fun plus the fact that someone in our family is doing it.

"I still have all of Mother's important pictures and important date. I find it all interesting and it will be available for you to use.

"Our Christmas was at Shasta Lake where Arleen and Walt have quite a nice cabin. We skied one day on Shasta and hit some fine snow.

"We plan on a few more trips to the high country later on. Golfing is a big thing with us - not good at it but it's fun and meeting so many interesting people.

"Dad is still feeling pretty fair although almost completely bedridden. Vern is still at U.C. another year to get his Ph.D. - we hope.

"Arleen and Kyle are well as is Walt. Walt will be in N.Y. 3 months for a course with IBM. Love, Ben"

1974 - 28 Jul letter from Ben: "Dear Alice, An answer to you is long overdue, your newsy and under-standing letter was very nice, and such beautiful handwriting overwhelms me.... Dad lived a long and useful life

and finally outlived all of his family and his old friends. He just wore out.

"We had a very simple funeral with family only, and were pleased at how smoothly it went. I was particularly glad to have Norman, Fran and Aunt Anita there, and also to have so many phone calls and sympathy cards.

"Your mother is so fortunate in being able to take trips and enjoy all her close family. The place where she lives is ideal for her.

"Sounds like you and Glen had a wonderful time visiting the South. You are quite a seasoned traveler. After many years of being tied down, we are planning to get around a bit more in the next few years. This year we will be content with some nice trips with Vern and Connie, and Arleen and Walt & family.

...Vern and I have become interested in fly fishing. Just recently he and I took in a very interesting and instructive course at Squaw Valley. Your Dad would have enjoyed it... Arleen and Walt are back home from

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their stay in Las Vegas, N.M. Walt was there about eight months getting an IBM data processing program started at their college. He enjoyed it and it helped his status with the company, I'm sure...

"You certainly may keep Mother's scrap book as long as you wish, also you may use any of her other notes, pictures, etc., that can help you. I'm so glad you have taken it upon yourself to make such a complete study of our family.

"Alice, Dr Bascom and I fished Deer Creek many, many times on the old stomping ground of our Great-uncle Andy Howell--in fact on one occasion we actually stayed and cooked in his old broken down log cabin, right on Deer Creek. We would leave our cars up near Campbellville, and sometimes right on the Apperson ranch, and go down the old Apperson Trail. Uncle Reuben said one time Mr Apperson got real put out with his wife--must have been pretty bad--he roped her to a chair in their home and went off and left her. "Our years in archery made the "Ishi" story very interesting, having spent so many pleasant hours camping and fishing on the very stream where he lived, hunted and fished.

"Life here goes on pleasantly, lots to do, and many friends to help you do it. We have given up archery and winter sports (our skis are conversation pieces now, also our ice skates). Golf is the big thing, both of us enjoy it so much. We are getting our little runabout, speed boat ready to take to Shasta later on and also for some fishing in lakes near here, so we are glad we didn't sell it.

"It was so nice to hear from you, please do it again, sometime. Better yet, when you can, pay us a visit. ...best to both of you, Love, Ben"

1982 - 24 Aug letter from Ila Grace: "Thank you so much for your newsy letters that keep us up on what is going on in the family...Also for the pictures and maps.....sorry to hear that Aunt Addie has not been so well and had to give up her Rossmoor Home. I guess the time comes when living alone is not advisable. I'm sure she will have a comfortable home with Evelyn and Don.

"We have had our share of misfortune this summer also. While we were sightseeing with Vern, Connie and family in Charleston, Ben fell on the sidewalk and broke his hip... He had an angina attack and was in Coronary Care Unit for several days. He was 12 days in hospitalhip has healed satisfactorily, but he lost 25 pounds...has progressed from wheel chair to crutches to cane, and now often forgets to use the cane."

1985 - 7 Nov letter to Aunt Addie Box: "Dear Aunt Addie: We were so sorry to hear that you had been ill,... We think of you often, and wish we could come and see you, but we don't get far from home anymore.

"Our family comes to see us - they will all be here for Christmas....

"We enjoyed talking to Allen, when we called to get your address. How wonderful that he is close enough to come see you every day!

"Ben was going to write a few lines but he is too shaky to write today. He was remembering the many good times he had with you and Uncle Andy, especially a trip to Bell Glen, in the redwoods, swimming, fishing & just visiting, it was all fun! Our love and best wishes, Ila Grace & Ben"

1986 - 27 Aug letter: "Dear Alice: Glad to get your newsy letter, and the picture of Glen & Andrew. Andrew looks like a real doll....

"Thank you for letting us know about Elma. We sent a donation to the cancer fund and we'll try to write to Bill now that we have an address...

"I'm very glad to report that Ben is feeling better. The doctor gave him an injection in the hip that causes the trouble and it has relieved him..."

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It may be only temporary, but we are thankful for the respite."

Since 1986 I have been to see Ben several times while doing research in and around Sonoma. Despite his pain and discomfort from Parkinson's disease, he is always the gracious host, alert and full of colorful stories and remembrances of the family. When Beryl and I went to see him in January of this year, he had parked his wheel chair outside his workshop and was in there working as we drove up. There are good days and bad days, but he is fortunate in his loving wife and family.



Ben & Ila Grace on their wedding day:
28 June 1936



.....and 40 years later!



Christmas 1911 - a picture for his Uncle
Parker from Bern...



Ben Matzen home in Napa - Jan 1947

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1942 - Mildred Arleen MATZEN b 16 Mar 1942, Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Bernhard/Bernard "Ben" MATZEN & Ila Grace BURNS
 m Walter William PICKETT, Jr 12 June 1965
 First Methodist Church, Napa, Napa Co, CA

1942 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook 1942, 3rd page has Arleen's birth announcement:
 "Mildred Arleen, Mar 16 1942, 5 lbs, 13oz." Also a clipping: "Dr, Mrs Matzen
 Parents of Little Daughter - Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen are parents of a baby
 daughter born (Caesarian), Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Petaluma
 General Hospital. Dr James G Anderson was the operating surgeon, assisted by Dr
 N B Rundall, with Dr A R Elder administering the anaesthetic. The child
 weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and with the young mother, is doing splendidly
 Dr Matzen, the father of the new baby, is the well known dental specialist...
 now of Eureka, and is happy receiving congratulations. The new baby is a grand-
 daughter of Mr and Mrs Nickles C Matzen... this city, and Mrs Orpha B Burns."

1953 - Anita's book has article re Matzen home as "Home of the Week" which
 includes the following excerpt about Arleen: "DANCING STUDENT - Arleen,
 a former student of ballet, has chosen the ballet theme for a portion of
 her room with matching block ballerina prints in white and gold - one
 on a black and the other on a red background. Her room contains a desk for
 study and a small radio for pleasure. A padded, plastic covered chest has her
 initials set in nail heads. Drapes at her windows, which face the front of
 the house, are in a scroll and floral pattern of neutral tones, flanking nylon
 panels. The floor covering is a pattern of elongated stripes in shades of tan.
 Pale green walls and ceiling contrast pleasantly with the white of the woodwork.
 The wall at the head of her bed is papered with a large floral print on a gray-
 green background. Her father built a small cabinet in which she has placed
 16 of her story book dolls. The spread for her bed is pale green chenille
 and she uses a hand-made patchwork quilt as a throw-on. Her headboard is
 functional as well as ornamental, with sliding doors. One wall is ornamented
 with a large framed mat containing individual pictures of her classmates."

1955 - Anita's 1955 book has undated newspaper picture of Arleen with
 the caption: "ARLEEN MATZEN...of the Browns Valley 4-H Club, winner of the
 annual award for Soroptimist International of Napa, was the girl judged to be
 most outstanding in the junior division clothing contest conducted recently."

1959 - Nov letter to Addie and Andy Box from Aunt Ora (Box) MATZEN:
 "...Arleen taking her tests on Dec 5 at U.C. for her entrance into college in
 fall. Going to Europe with students in June soon after graduation from Hi."

1960 - 26 May program in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "Napa High School-Junior College
 Music Department Presents a SPRING CONCERT by the Orchestra - Choir - Band, 8PM
 Napa High School Auditorium ... III The BAND, William Crane, Jr. Director ...
 CONCERTO IN G MINOR by Mendelssohn, Arlene Matzen, Pianist...
 "The soloist, Arlene Matzen, is a high school senior, a music major and an
 honor student. She is a private pupil of Mr Marian Long."

1960 - Program in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "SPRING SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT, Sunday,..
 May 15, 1960, 7 to 8 pm, First Methodist Church, Napa, California ...
 Prayer, by Hector Berlioz, Arlene Matzen, Accompanist, Van Crane, 1960
 Scholarship Winner...."

1960 - Anita's book, clipping,
 Photo caption: "Young pianists Carolyn Ensele, left, and Arleen Matzen admire a

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tea table arrangement of roses at the tea Friday in Centennial Hall. Each played a solo, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs Clayton Long, and both played duet numbers with Mrs Fred Ayres accompanying at the organ. (Register Photo)" The article, in part: "Flowers, Music Theme for Methodist Tea - ...Piano solos were played by Miss Arleen Matzen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Bernard Matzen, and..... Arlene (sic) played Mendelssohn's "Concerto Molto Allegro con fuoco," (NOTE: This is where Aunt Ora wrote in the margin "Concerto in G Minor").... "For the 'Malaguena' by Lecuono, both girls played at two pianos, with Mrs Fred Ayres at the pipe organ. As an encore, they did a selection from Tschaichovsky's 'Nutcracker Suite,' in an arrangement of four hands at one piano, with Mrs Ayres accompanying at the organ."

1960 - 17 Jun - Anita's book has Arleen's graduation announcement glued to the inside front cover - also in Aunt Ora's book: "The Graduating Class of Napa Senior High School announce their Commencement Exercises Friday evening, June seventeenth...Memorial Stadium"...Mildred Arleen Matzen listed as graduate with * next to her name to indicate Life Member, C.S.F.

1965 - 12 Jun - Wedding invitation: "Doctor and Mrs Bernard Matzen request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mildred Arleen to Mr Walter William Pickett, Jr. on Saturday, the twelfth of June at three o'clock in the afternoon - First Methodist Church, Napa, California"...engraved card enclosed: "Reception immediately following the ceremony, Asbury Room, First Methodist Church, Napa, California"

1971 - Birth announcement: "All perfect gifts are from above, and all our blessings show .. The amplitude of God's dear love which every heart may know. From Angel's Song - by Laura Lee Randall" ...and inside: "Mr and Mrs Walter William Pickett, Jr. announce with joy the birth of a son, Kyle William, July 5, 1971"

1971 - Holiday letter from Walt and Arleen excerpts: "...this has been a special year for us. Our son, Kyle is almost six months old now and is a very happy boy...Arleen quit work at Easter time She does miss teaching, but plans to keep up with her music by taking some private students. She is glad to have time to practice on our new Yamaha grand piano. "Walt has been working very long hours at IBM the past few months. The project he has been involved in is almost completed so we are hoping to get back to a normal schedule soon.....had a nice vacation at Lake Shasta in Sept. Arleen's parents joined us with their boat... Kyle enjoyed... all the attention from his father and grandparents.....we are looking forward to a few days' skiing and the New Years Eve party at Yosemite with Arleen's family..."

1972 - Christmas letter excerpts: "...We have watched Kyle grow from a baby into a very active toddler...The highlight of this year...was the purchase of a vacation home at Lake Shasta. After spending our vacation up there for several years, we were ready to have a place of our own. We were very fortunate to find a lovely cabin on the top of a hill overlooking the lake. We will be able to use it year-round, so we will enjoy hiking and winter skiing as well as water-skiing and boating during the summer.....Arleen is keeping up with her organ study and played during the summer at Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist in San Francisco. She also has a couple of delightful piano students. Walt is busy, as always, at IBM. He attended a conference in Carmel this fall and will spend some time in New York City this winter.

"We look forward to spending our Christmas and New Years with Arleen's parents and some of our friends at Lake Shasta in the crisp, clean air and perhaps a

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little snow....Walt, Arleen and Kyle"

1974 - Birth announcement: "Our Family has been blessed . . ." and on the inside: "By the birth of a daughter - Mr and Mrs Walter W Pickett, Jr. joyfully announce the arrival of Colleen Jeanette, April Eighteenth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four, Santa Fe, New Mexico"

1974 - 22 May -Letter from Arleen to Alice and Glen: "

"We are naturally delighted with our girl and she is a real dear - already smiling at us.....I regret my musical activities have been few this last year or so, but family will come first for several years now, I know. I hope to teach or do more organ work again eventually..."

"We look forward to returning to Los Gatos next month. Walt has had an interesting and rewarding experience at the University, though....Love, Arleen"

1974 - Christmas letter excerpts: "...The first half of our year was spent in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Walt completed his assignment at Highlands University for IBM in June. We look back at our New Mexico experience with much satisfaction... Now we are back in our own home and happily involved, as usual, in church and music activities, babysitting co-op, toy-lending library, etc. "The happiest event of our year, of course, was the birth of our daughter, Colleen, in April. "Kyle is delighted with his new sister and is great at entertaining her! He is attending a co-operative nursery school and really loves it. Arleen works once every two weeks. It is a nice change to observe the other young children and even sometimes help sing a few songs! We spent our summer vacation and many weekends at our Lake Shasta cabin.....Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1975 - Christmas card note from Arleen: "We appreciated your Christmas note. We were indeed sorry to miss the family reunion... Mom and Dad shared the news from so many family people they hadn't seen in a long time...We have had a busy and happy year. Walt and I went to Hawaii in May - our first vacation without the children. It was our 10th anniversary celebration and we had a marvelous time. The children had a happy time, too, with Mother and Dad. "Kyle is in a lovely co-op nursery school. I take my guitar and sing with the children on my work days. Colleen is growing up so fast! She imitates Kyle in every way she can. With love, Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1976 - Holiday letter excerpts: "...Kyle started Kindergarten in Sept...He spent most of the summer taking swimming lessons and is progressing very well. Colleen would like to learn to swim, too...is quite independent now..." "Arleen is teaching piano lessons three afternoons a week and is also doing substitute organ work in several churches. She is enjoying being a volunteer helper at Kyle's school and has helped organize a play-group for Colleen and three other two-year old's.....not able to spend much time at our Lake Shasta cabin this year because the lake was so low...highlights of our summer were the 40th Anniversary party for Arleen's mother and father...We are involved in our church activities and enjoy our local Community Concert series and an occasional symphony concert...Walt and Arleen Pickett"

1977 - Christmas letter excerpts: "...Kyle is enjoying First Grade very much. Reading and writing skills open up a new world!

...is now playing soccer with friends whenever possible. He and Walt have just joined Indian Guides - the YMCA-sponsored club for fathers and sons. "Colleen began nursery school in September... and loves every minute of it! "Arleen is teaching piano lessons three afternoons a week and does substitute

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organ work. Also spends time with church work, nursery school, and volunteer work at Kyle's school. Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1978 - Christmas card note from Arleen: "...We especially enjoyed our summer at Lake Shasta this year with the lake so full. Kyle learned to water-ski and fish. He has also been on a swim team and soccer team this year and is participating with Walt in Indian Guides..."

I am on the Board at Colleen's Co-op Nursery School...I teach piano lessons three afternoons and have a pre-piano class one day for young children. We do rhythmic activities, singing, listening games and pre-reading. Love, Arleen"

1979 - Christmas letter excerpts: "...Colleen began Kindergarten...Kyle is in a 3rd-4th combination...(and) in soccer again this year, while Colleen is taking dancing lessons. Both are taking piano lessons and learning to roller skate. "The highlight of our summer.. a trip to Lake Powell...took our boat and camped out of it for the week...loved seeing the Indian ruin...It was nice being so remote from crowds and traffic for awhile....We...spent three weeks at Shasta in July and were pleased to have Walt's family one week and Arleen's family another week....Walt has spent many overtime hours at IBM this year, but there still has been time for his Indian Guide outings with Kyle and he is now president of the board at church...Arleen has 18 piano students this year and has again begun studying piano herself after many years. She is also joining the Music Teacher's Association....Colleen, Kyle, Arleen, Walt"

1980 - Holiday letter excerpts: "...Kyle enjoys participating in soccer, softball and basketball, as well as Cub Scouts, piano lessons, and various Lyceum seminars on such subjects as chemistry, chess and exploring the universe at the Planetarium. He recently accompanied on the piano for three of his fellow Scouts who played the violin at the Pack meeting.

"Colleen loves first grade and is now reading and writing quite well. She surprised us all by wanting to learn to water-ski this last summer. She did it very quickly! She is taking a music class and gymnastics lessons each week, and has begun Indian Princesses with Walt through the YMCA.

"Walt has two new uniforms this year - the Indian Princess vest and the Scout leader uniform. He is the Cubmaster for our Alta Vista Pack, so he plans and conducts the monthly Cub Scout Pack meetings. Arleen mostly works behind the scenes, making the uniforms, cookies, getting together the supplies for the crafts, and driving in car-pools! She is continuing her piano study as well as teaching a full studio and serving on the Music Teacher's Association Board in Santa Clara County. Helping set up and administer a new instrumental music program at our elementary school this fall has been another project that took many hours but has proved very successful.....many friends and family joined us at our Lake Shasta home for swimming, boating and relaxing...Colleen, Kyle, Arleen, Walt Pickett" ("Kyle" and "Pickett" written in very neat and artistic calligraphy, so this must be another of his many talents!)

1981 - 26 April program: "Recital - Piano Violin Duo - Jeanie Foerster, Violin, Arleen Pickett, Piano - Sunnyvale Community Center, Performing Arts Theatre." Arleen kindly sent me the program for this recital. The music was carefully selected from the Baroque, Romantic and Contemporary periods of music.

1981 - Year-end letter excerpts: "...Our year was highlighted by a wonderful trip to Canada in August...three weeks seeing parts of B.C. and Alberta, and traveling through Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California... the children are excellent travellers and enjoyed everything .. The children are very happy in school and with their various activities -

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 Cub Scouts, soccer, piano and flute lessons, and Spanish classes for Kyle; Indian Princesses, Brownies, piano lessons and dance classes for Colleen... "A big event for Arleen in April was the opportunity to give a joint recital with Jeanie Foerster, a fine violinist and good friend. It was a chance to really work hard again on the piano and it was a challenging, but very satisfying experience. We are continuing to play together and enjoying learning some more of the repertoire for piano and violin. I am currently serving as president of the Santa Clara Co branch of the Music Teachers' Association of Calif, which is a big job, but I feel the organization is very worthwhile for all of the advantages it gives to the private music teachers and their students....Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1980's - Kyle was the one who made all of us eligible for membership in the DAR! He discovered that our Howell ancestor, Andrew BAKER, married to Elizabeth AVEN, was a Virginia Private in the Revolutionary War.

1982 - Holiday letter excerpts: "...Kyle, a sixth grader now, has joined our neighborhood Boy Scout Troop and is enthusiastically working on his ranks... Walt completed his third year as Cubmaster..Kyle continues his flute and piano lessons and participates on the swim team and softball and soccer leagues. "Colleen is in a very stimulating third grade class. She loves to read and do creative writing and drawing, and enjoys her dance lessons, the Brownie Troop and singing in the Glee Club...The new addition to our family is the IBM Personal Computer. It's set up in the kitchen so that whoever is working on it isn't lost to the family... Her piano teaching schedule is full and is in her second term as president of Santa Clara Co Music Teachers' Assoc. and coordinates the tuition instrumental music program at our school. There has been quite a bit of substitute organ work in area churches this year, also. "Kyle, Walt and Arleen have been taking a class to learn the Morse code and the electronic theory needed to pass the test to get our ham radio licenses..."

1983 - Christmas letter excerpts: "...Kyle and Walt are very active in the Boy Scouts and particularly enjoyed a challenging and exciting kayak trip down the Sacramento River in June. Kyle is thriving in junior high! He plays the flute in the marching band and likes his classes and teachers. "Colleen is in the fourth grade and continuing her piano and dance lessons and has added the clarinet and painting lessons to her schedule this year. She won first prize in her age group at a recent art show in Los Gatos for a water-color she did in her class....Arleen has taken a position as half-time organist at Second Church of Christ, Scientist in San Jose... She is also doing some consulting, helping school districts set up tuition-based instrumental music programs. Her private piano studio is growing and a source of much satisfaction. "The highlight of our year was a wonderful, two-week trip to North Carolina to see Arleen's brother and family. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and...a few days in Washington,D.C.(even seeing the President!)..."

1984 - Christmas letter excerpts: " ...As usual, Walt and I are busy with our own careers and try to support the children in their many activities. Kyle's new interest is bicycling. He is in a bike touring club and has gone on many interesting rides. He is progressing well in Boy Scouts and went to two camp sessions this summer, including one at Santa Catalina. He is first chair flute in the award-winning Advanced Band at his junior high school. "Colleen is active in 4-H and raises rabbits, takes sewing and club newspaper projects. She won a trophy for being the outstanding first year member of our club. She is playing soccer this year for the first time and continues with dance class and music lessons. Both children were on the swim team last spring

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and summer and enjoyed the water-skiing at Lake Shasta.

"I travelled to Princeton, New Jersey last June to take a piano teaching seminar with Frances Clark. I've been using her method in my piano studio for several years and welcomed this wonderful opportunity to study with her. I get a great deal of satisfaction out of my teaching and church organ job....had three weeks in the summer at our cabin and were glad to have Arleen's parents there one week...Arleen, Walt, Kyle and Colleen"

1985 - Holiday excerpts: "Kyle is a freshman at Leigh High School..He particularly enjoys the band and... their marching and competition appearances. He had a marvelous experience this summer travelling with his Boy Scout troop to Minnesota to canoe and portage through the Boundary Waters Wilderness area... "Colleen entered Union Middle School...has adjusted easily to the new experience. Her elective is band where she plays the clarinet. She continues her dance class, piano lessons, and 4-H activities - sewing, foods and rabbits. ...Walt is becoming quite experienced video-taping our various adventures. "Arleen has taken a position as a music teacher in the Mt View School District teaching the Kodaly music system in the second and fourth grades. It is a part time position which fits in nicely with the after school hours of the piano studio and the church organ work. It is an exciting and challenging new opportunity to get back into the classroom Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1986 - 26 Sep letter excerpts: "Dear Alice, Thank you for your letter and the nice pictures of Mom and Dad with you and Allen. I think they are better than the ones I've taken recently.

"Yes, I do remember Aunt Elma. Grandma had taken Vernon and me with her a couple of times to visit her. I will record her dates in the family book..... "We enjoyed a trip to Vancouver in August to see Expo '86. The fair was wonderful - very well organized and planned and extremely entertaining. The children were just the right age to enjoy it as much as we did...Kyle also is interested in joining the speech & debate team at the high school this year. I will teach Kodaly music in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades in just one school this year, instead of travelling between schools for only two grade levels. More lesson preparation - but nice to 'belong' to one school. Love, Arleen"

1986 - Holiday excerpts: " "Colleen expanded her 4-H activities to include raising a lamb... She showed it at the fair and then sold it at auction. It was a wonderful learning experience for her - one she hopes to repeat next year. "Kyle had the opportunity to go to the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival with an English teacher and group of students last June. He got home just in time to go backpacking in Yosemite for a week with the Boy Scouts. Walt has been video-taping all of the band competitions and concerts. Arleen is enjoying her part-time position in Mt View School District teaching Kodaly music. We hope to get down to Disneyland after Christmas - the kids first time!

1987 - Holiday excerpts: "...Colleen is very involved in 4-H and spent the summer raising a market lamb again. She has two hens in the backyard now, to keep the rabbits company. She was a winner in Fashion Review with her clothing project and is learning many leadership skills... "Kyle kept busy during the summer by going to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, backpacking in the Sierra National Forest with the Boy Scouts, and taking his drivers education and training. He is serious about schoolwork and his music and is active on the debate team at school. "Walt became president of the Leigh High School Band Boosters in June, so our fall was spent going with the band on their trips to competitions, providing support for the band by taking tickets at school games and dances, and other

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fund-raisers. It's almost like having another full-time job!

"...a couple of weeks vacation at Lake Shasta...in August we travelled to New Mexico...and to explore Santa Fe and the Taos area where we lived the year Colleen was born. We really enjoy the Southwest.

"Arleen is again teaching Kodaly music in Mountain View schools, part time, and teaching piano lessons in our studio in the afternoons. She has given up her regular organ position and just doing substitute work, to give a little more flexibility to our family schedule. She enjoys her work with the 4-H club as community leader and clothing leader. Love, Walt, Arleen, Kyle and Colleen"

1988 - Christmas excerpts: "...Our fall has been especially exciting because Kyle has been the Drum Major of the high school band...The band did well this year and Kyle got several awards for his drum major skills...Colleen is now a freshman at high school and a member of the same band.

"Now that marching season is over, Kyle will concentrate on his debate activities and concert flute work. He has been accepted at Yale University for next fall as a Music/History major, but has also applied to several U.C. schools and Stanford... He is finishing the last step for his Eagle Scout award by constructing a trail in one of our country parks.

"Colleen seems like a very grown-up young lady all of a sudden!...She is president of our 4-H club this year and raised a pig last summer for the fair - a new and challenging experience after her docile lambs the last two years. Her four hens and several rabbits in our back yard keep us amused and even supplied with eggs, at least part of the year. Arleen's music teaching schedule is quite full...(also) church board work and being a 4-H leader.

1990 - Arleen's Christmas letter reports: "Arleen is working nearly full time now, teaching music. She is finishing a three-year term on the church board and has retired as community leader for our local 4-H club after six years, but will continue to be active as a 4-H clothing leader...Colleen got her driver's license...and is enjoying her new-found freedom...was chosen to be an All-Star for Santa Clara County 4-H, which is a big honor and a year-long commitment of service, so she is working with a team of 9 other young people in several community service projects....Kyle seems to be in exactly his right place at Stanford University. His classes in music and international relations are interesting and challenging...studies with an outstanding flute teacher and involved in many campus activities. He was at home this summer, working at IBM and singing the part of Riff in a local production of West Side Story...."



The Pickett Family:

Walt

Colleen

Arleen

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1943 - Vernon Charles MATZEN b 2 Jun 1943, Petaluma, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Bernhard/Bernard "Ben" MATZEN & Ila Grace BURNS
 m 15 Jul 1967 to Constance "Connie" May MORGAN
 Albuquerque, Bernalilla Co, NM

1943 - Aunt Anita's 1942-44 scrapbook: Note from Aunt Ora on June 3, 1943: "Ila Grace has a baby boy born yesterday. Named him Veron Charles. 7 lbs, 12 oz."

1953 - Anita's book clipping on Napa "Home of the Week" (re Vernon's room):
 "THE BOY OF THE HOUSE - Vernon, a Cub Scout with Pack 130, has a typical boy's room...A hanging bow rack for his archery supplies is fashioned of two pointed arrows as the upright bars with connecting cross bars. Other tropies..include a cyclist belt, a tanned buckskin, and a framed picture of "Hoppy." A highly prized possession is a print by one of Napa's leading young artists, Jack Hoakansen, depicting four varieties of lake trout..He has his own radio and toy chest with a bookcase to contain the usual collection of 'small-boy' articles."

1961 - Anita's book graduation announcement: "The graduating class of Napa Senior High School announce their Commencement Exercises Friday evening, (June 16, 1961 7:30P) Memorial Stadium." Card attached: "Vern Matzen"

1972 - Holiday letter excerpts: "... hard to believe this is our third Christmas in California. Vern is more than halfway through his work toward a PhD in Civil Engineering. His research has to do with the possibility of using wave propagation techniques to identify material properties in blood vessels. I am still working at Mills College Library... also auditing Beginning French... This summer we took two backpacking trips in Northern California. In the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area we experienced total solitude for three days - a rare treat. In July we hiked through Lassen National Park..."

1973-76 - Undated holiday letter from Connie & Vern: "...still delighted to be living in California...last Spring we (were in) classes at U C Berkeley, but our camping trip to Death Valley in March was a welcome break from the academic routine....In June Vern began his research in earnest after he concluded his teaching assistantship... The work is progressing quite well... He did manage to take off a few days to attend a Fenwick Flyfishing class at Squaw Valley with his father...In August, after finishing a Master's of Library Science... (had) a part-time job on campus, and tended our first vegetable garden...(had) fresh carrots, beans, cucumbers, etc., and even had enough extra tomatoes to put up some green tomato chutney. I also spent a week in Albuquerque enjoying a long-awaited visit with my family. Soon after returning... I was employed as one of three full-time librarians with the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro. The work is fascinating, although at times overwhelming... Working in San Francisco has made it easier for us to partake of the cultural life of the City. We attend the theatre as often as possible and enjoy dining at a variety of the City's famous (and sometimes not so famous) restaurants. We also appreciate the increasing opportunities--now that classes no longer conflict--to visit with our family and friends. Long week-ends spent at Vern's sister's cabin at Lake Shasta, camping in the Sierras, and visiting friends in Sacramento and Hayfork (where?) keep us on the go...." (NOTE: This is probably the 1974 letter because Ben referred to the flyfishing class in a 1974 letter to me. My father wasn't a detective for nothing!)

1977 - Birth announcement: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, And cometh down from the Father of lights ... James 1:17" and on the inside: "Mr & Mrs Vernon C Matzen announce with joy the birth of a daughter,"

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 Sara Lynn, January 14, 1977."

1977 - Holiday letter: "... On January 14, 1977, we received a delightful, loving, and challenging gift. Sara Lynn Matzen's arrival represents the ultimate change occurring in our lives this past year. In order to prepare for Sara's arrival, Connie retired in October after two years as a law librarian. She anticipates returning to the profession in a few years; meanwhile, she enjoyed the extra time to catch up around home and Vern enjoyed homemade cookies and breads for the first time in months. She was also pleased to be able to finish a crib quilt begun in February--her first attempt at patchwork, appliqu and quilting.

"Vern completed his PhD dissertation in August (finally!)--INVESTIGATION OF THE INELASTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF A STEEL FRAME USING SHAKING TABLE EXPERIMENTS AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION. He is continuing work on his doctoral topic as a Research Engineer with the Earthquake Engineering Research Center at U C Berkeley. He is also an instructor at UCB and is enjoying the challenge of teaching very much.

"In May we moved from our 400 sq ft apartment in UCB married student housing to a charming cottage in the Oakland hills--much nearer to church and many of our friends. When the 'haze' is not too bad, we have a spectacular view across the bay of San Francisco. Watching the Fourth of July Bicentennial fireworks display over Alcatraz Island from our living room window was a special bonus.

"We wish you an active and joyfilled New Year. Vern, Connie and Sara.

"PS Vern has just accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Civil Engineering Department at North Carolina State University at Raleigh....

1980 - 31 Jul - Birth announcement, same as above on front page, but inside reads: "Dr & Mrs Vernon C Matzen announce with joy the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Ann, July 31, 1980"

1981 - Oct - Assistant Professor Matzen appointed to Associate Professor.
 He also received an Outstanding Teacher Award the same month.

1981 - Christmas card note to Addie Box from Connie: "Dear Aunt Addie, Alice wrote that you have moved. We hope that you are well settled by now. The highlight of Vern's year professionally was being appointed Associate Professor here at NCSU. The girls have had an exciting year, too, with each discovering new interests. Kathryn is quite taken with swimming and gymnastics - an active 2 yr old, you see. Sara has made all of her Christmas presents by sewing. She also likes knitting, as well as gymnastics and books about horses. Her year in Kindergarten has been delightful and challenging. I continue to work 2 days a week, finding new responsibilities in my position.

"We enjoyed a week in Charleston, SC and some time spent in New Mexico this summer... Don't know when we shall be back in Calif. Love, Connie"

1981 - Christmas card note to Alice and Glen: "What is new with us? Not much - the girls continue to progress and delight us with their new interests and abilities. We enjoyed our vacation of 2 weeks in Calif. last May...

"We continue to enjoy living in NC. Last Sunday we attended a performance of the Messiah at Duke Univ. Chapel - a gothic cathedral and a lovely setting for the music. We look forward to hearing of your activities. Love, Connie"

1986 - 28 Nov letter from Vernon to his Aunt Addie Box for her 90th birthday: "Dear Aunt Addie: Happy birthday - somewhat belatedly. We had these pictures taken only recently and I wanted to wait until the film was developed before sending your card. I am sure you had a nice party. It was very thoughtful of

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Alice to request pictures - you must have gotten many that brought back pleasant memories...

"I am still teaching Civil Engineering at NC State University. Our fall semester is just about over and I am looking forward to the Christmas break. I hope to have time for research and writing. Connie is still working part time as a librarian for a private law firm here in Raleigh. She does not work in the afternoons and so is able to be with the girls when they get out of school. "Kathryn is in the 1st grade and Sara is in the 4th. They both love school and are doing well. Sara is taking cornet lessons at school this year and is playing quite well for a beginner. Besides school, they both take ballet lessons, and Sara plays soccer and is in Girl Scouts... We like North Carolina very much, but do miss seeing our families. Last summer Sara and Kathryn flew out to California to visit Mom and Dad and spend time with the Picketts at Lake Shasta... Best wishes for a joyous holiday season. Love, Vernon."

1987 - Christmas note: "...We have had fun this year expanding our horizons. Now that Kathryn is in 2nd grade, we have been able to take longer trips and enjoy more cultural activities closer to home. "We spent a week in the Western N C Mountains, camping near Cherokee and learning more about the Indian's heritage and exploring Gt. Smokey Mountains National Park. "This holiday season we have enjoyed the Opera 'Hansel and Gretel,' the play 'Cinderella' and of course 'The Nutcracker.' "The rest of our days are filled with school activities and Vernon's and my work. Sara is taking her 2nd year of cornet and is doing very well. Kathryn has a natural talent for creative modern dance... "Vernon spent a week in Germany attending an engineering conference and touring. My work included a conference in Charleston, SC...."

1988 - 29 May letter from Vernon: "...Alice - thank you for telling me about Norman. I sent a note to Fran immediately. Although I didn't know him well, I have very fond memories of the few times we were together. Thank you also for sending out the pictures - both sets! I will send one of them to Mom & Dad. "I certainly enjoyed my stay with you folks - you are very gracious hosts. Following your advice I checked SURELY YOU'RE JOKING, MR FEYNMAN! and found it most interesting. Now I must buy the book! His chapter on the rat research is one of the best pieces I have seen written on how to conduct research. "I don't remember if I told you about Sara's science fair project...an investigation of tree rings on a pine tree. She had won 1st place at her elementary school in February, and then in April she won 1st place at the regional fair... (It)is now in permanent retirement at the NCSU Forestry extension office. They will use it in their program with school teachers around the state... We are looking forward to coming out to California in August. We had planned on spending some time with Arleen and her family at Lake Shasta, but with the lake so low, there would be no water skiing and so we probably won't go up. Instead, we will take more day trips around the Bay Area...Love, Vernon"

1988 - Holiday note: The highlight of our year... our two week trip to California We truly enjoyed being tourists and the girls enjoyed the redwoods, San Francisco, and the amusement park at Santa Cruz, as well as seeing all of the relatives.

"Since our return home, we have each experienced change in school or at work. The new head of the Civil Engineering Dept has offered many new ideas for managing the dept. and Vern is pleased at the new approaches being taken. Sara has entered middle school and begun to play the French horn, joining the intermediate band at school. She truly enjoys playing! Kathryn is pleased to finally be in one of the upper elementary grades (grade 3rd) and is writing poetry or drawing as her new pleasures. My work challenges me constantly, even

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after 10 years! I've just returned from a legal on-line company trip where I toured the plant and was asked for suggestions about the product.
 "We are grateful to report that the tornado which hit Raleigh did not come down in our area. Merry Christmas, Vernon, Connie, Sara and Kathryn"

1990 - 24 Sep - When we saw the Vernon Matzen family in their lovely home in Raleigh their lives were progressing along the lines covered in the above holiday letters...interesting school and cultural projects, vocational challenges and satisfaction and constant exploration of their surroundings.

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Connie & Vernon on their
 wedding day: 15 Jul 1967



The Matzen Family:
 Kathryn
 Sara
 Connie
 Vernon
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1887 - Reuben Preston BOX b 6 Dec 1887, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Samuel "Sam" Powell BOX & Elma Jane HOWELL
 m 24 Feb 1915 to Anita Elsie ANDERLINI, Lewiston, Trinity Co, CA
 d 21 Aug 1965, Chico, Butte Co, CA

PLEASE see Anita Elsie ANDERLINI Notes for more information on Reuben.

(Random memories of Uncle Reuben from various family members)
 About 1897 - just after the Sam Box family moved to Trinity Co -
 Uncle Reuben remembers living in a cabin near Hayfork at Christmas. Each child got a potatoe and an orange in a Christmas sack. His mother made fudge, had hickory nuts - each child could have as much fudge as 2 hands could hold.....The Box family had a pet rooster at Hyampom and whenever it made a mess it made Grandma Elma mad, so Uncle Reuben PINNED the rectal opening together to make his mother happy....He remembers one time when Daddy and Millie wanted some chocolate badly. They saw a big bar and took a bite only to find it was BITTER chocolate!!.....Uncle Reuben always had a pet of some kind: dogs, cats, ducks, geese, etc. Allen remembers that his dogs were usually called "Buck.".....He always called Allen "Bucksnot" when Allen was a little boy....He had a goose at Hat Creek called "Spike" that we all remember from our summer visits up there....He once had a white mouse - one of the grandchildren shot one eye out with a bow and arrow. Uncle Reuben would lie in the hammock with the little mouse on his stomach and talk to him.

Uncle Reuben was a Mason, never very active but always a member. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and it was through his affiliation with this organization that Aunt Anita was eligible to enter the convalescent home in Saratoga that she so enjoyed in her last years.

1909 - Uncle Reuben lived in Castella, Shasta Co, CA and his mother visited him there in November. It is possible that the Sam Box family moved to that area that year because Aunt Ora wrote in a postcard that Elma Box would stay with them "until the folks settle and write for her to come to Shasta."

1910 - 11 May postcard to Reuben in Castella, from Elsie Waldorff, Big Bar: "...We all stayed up until 3 o'clock in the morning and played '500.' Then we all saw the comet." (NOTE: Halley's Comet on 10 May 1910)...

1910 - 7 Jul to Reuben in Minersville from Millie in SF: "Today is Sunday. Ora & I are going to spend the afternoon in Golden Gate Park. Nick is out at Sunny Side to sell his h_?_. Will be back at 2. We are all well. With love, Millie"

1910 - 30 Jul to Reuben and Andy in Minersville from Millie in SF: "Dear Brothers, We rec'd a nice letter from home. All were well. Papa had a pay day. Had \$20.50 after all bills were paid. Pretty good, isn't it? Andy, I am glad you are with Reuben. It is so much nicer to be together. We are pegging away at the store. I don't clerk much as business is slack now. We all were down to the Portola Theatre Sun. You both must write. Lovingly, Millie."

1910 - 9 Aug card to Reuben from Millie in SF: "Dear Reuben, Ora & I were over to Berkeley Sun to see Susie & Kate McCabe. Had a fine time..."

1910 - 13 Aug card to Reuben, Minersville from Ora in SF: "Dear R, All well here. Wish I were in the mountains with you..."

1911 - Picture in Aunt Anita's album shows "Ranger Reuben P Box, age 23, taken

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in Jan 1911 while acting as District Ranger in Lower Trinity District while Ranger Graham was attending school in Missoula, Montana."

Another postal, from Willow Creek shows Uncle Reuben in front of District Ranger Office with the following notation:

"Uniform cost: \$14.70; Wages \$91.66/month - \$1,100/year; Board \$22.50/month for a room at the Willow Brook Hotel."

1911 - Uncle Reuben was a fire patrolman at the Bowerman Ranch sometime during this year according to an undated postcard.

1911 - 10 Apr card from Reuben to Ora in Hot Springs, Tulare Co, CA with picture of Reuben with surveying equipment on front: "Dear Sister, I wrote to you while you were in Arcata but have rec'd no answer...Reuben P Box"

1911 - Reuben in District 7 Protective Force, Minersville, Trinity Co, CA.

1912 - 4 July found Uncle Reuben at Knob, CA when Aunt Bessie sent him a postal picture of herself, Lee and Malcolm Daniel, her first husband.

1912 - 1 Dec from Reuben in Hayfork to Anita in Minersville with a tiny envelope on front of the picture postcard with a tiny note inside: "Dear Anita: All well, only awful lonesome. No place to go, only sit around the hotel & talk, and read, etc. It is raining here today and looks as though it may be a big storm. Haven't heard from A.B. or Irene yet. Am sending them a card today. Will look for something in the mail Mon or Tue sure. I sent the pants hanger & that bottle I told you about. Did you get them? With best regards to all. Sincerely, R.B."

1913 - 14 Jan, he was at Hayfork, on 8 May in Knob, and received a postcard from Anita Anderlini in Minersville asking how he likes his new place.

1913 - 1 Feb card to Reuben in Hayfork, from Millie in SF:
"Dear Reuben, I am sending Valentines this evening.
Today is Lee's birthday. I have got him a postcard album. Am spending the afternoon with Ora. Don't kill too many bugs. They will have you arrested for murder. With Love, Millie." This in reply to his complaint that he had been sent out on "bug duty" again. She always injected a touch of humor.

1914 - 18 Feb card from Reuben in Hayfork to Frank Anderlini in Lewiston:
"How's tricks? I thot I did amount to something, but found out that I was again condemned to the 'bugs' country. Send a card once in awhile to your old friend RPB." (NOTE: The small, neat, legible handwriting that we all knew in later years is very evident here, as well as perfect punctuation and spelling.)

1914 - 29 May from Reuben in Knob to Anita in Weaverville c/o C A Chamberlain:
"Just a card tonight. Millie is very, very sick. I am sitting up with her. Have had the Dr. several times. All the rest of us are fine. Reuben."
(NOTE: Millie died the next day, 30 May 1914 - a loss every one of her brothers and sisters talked about for the rest of their lives.)

1914 - Postcards addressed to Reuben 23 Jan, Apr and 30 Aug in Knob. In Feb of this year he was evidently in Weaverville, Forest Office.

1915 -Per Aunt Anita's first scrapbook, a clipping with 1915 pencilled in tells of an accident Uncle Reuben had while felling trees on the Jackson Ranch. He was in the Forest Service at the time. A tree struck him across

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the hips and back. No severe injury.

1915 -Per Aunt Anita's oldest scrapbook, undated clippings: "MARRIED - in Lewiston, on Wednesday, February 24, 1915, Mr Reuben P Box of Knob and Miss Anita Anderlini of Lewiston, Rev M Lewis of Weaverville performing the ceremony." Another clipping lists all couples married in Trinity Co in 1915. At the top of the list: Feb 24-Reuben P Box and Anita Anderline.

1915 - 8 Nov to Reuben in Trinity Center from Laura Uhl Laney in Weed: "We are on our way back to Calif. from Oregon. If you are near enough that we can visit you folks & Uncle Sam we'd surely love to. We are snowed in here at Weed and will be here until the roads will permit travel. Address Mrs A F Laney, Red Bluff."

1916 - 27 Aug - Beryl Berniece BOX born in Trinity Center. (It should be noted that Beryl remembers hearing that when either she or Norman were born, one of the Trinity Center papers said Uncle Reuben was starting a "Box Factory.")

1918 -On same page as above: "A BOX - Born in Trinity Center, Cal, Saturday, July 6, 1918, to Mr and Mrs Reuben H (sic) Box, a son." (Norman Laverne)

1918 - 21 Dec to Reuben in Trinity Center from Fanny Box Johnson in Santa Rosa: "I hope you are all well & Andy will soon be with you. My dearest love to you all. With love, your aunt, Fanny Johnson."

1919 -Per a postcard from Uncle Reuben, he and his brother-in-law, Frank Anderline, arrived in Juneau, Alaska 17 Sep 1919. They had gone to Alaska to "seek their fortunes." Another card on this same date was from Ketchikan, and said there were "lots of Indians" in that city.

1919 - 4 Dec postcard from Ora to Reuben in La Touche, Alaska: "Dear Brother, I had a letter from Nita yesterday. All were well. It's awfully cold here & lots of snow on the mtns. Alaska enough for me right here. We are all well. Nick salmon fishing on Mad River tonight. Love from Ora."

1920 - undated card to Reuben in Latouche, Alaska with Christmas greetings from Beryl and Norman in Lewiston.

1920 - Uncle Reuben evidently bought many postcards to send home with letters to Aunt Anita and the children just to show them what Alaska was like. There are numerous cards from Juneau, Barwell Island, Seward, Mt McKinley, Ketchikan, Valdez, Unimak Island and the Kenai Peninsula. None of them are written, but show interest and curiosity in a new land. Aunt Anita saved every one of them.

1920 - He was in Anchorage: wrote "the town is scattered out to beat the band."

1920 - 29 Dec to Reuben in Weed from Ora in McKinleyville: "Glad to hear Anita was improving. Write often as possible. We are all fine & having fine weather now. O.M."

1921 - 21 Dec to Mr & Mrs RPBox in Weed from Andy, Hotel San Pablo, Oakland, CA: "Dear Folks, Hoping this finds you better than when I heard last. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. I remain your bro, Andrew Box."

Clipping with Weaverville heading, Dec 31, no year:"....

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Reuben P Box, assistant forest supervisor of Lassen National Forest in charge of North Butte Protection District, visited the local forest office Wed. Box was at one time district ranger in this forest. Mr and Mrs Box and family are spending the holidays with Mrs Box's parents, Mr/Mrs F F Anderline, at Lewiston."

1927 - "Interesting News from Hat Creek - on Thursday evening a surprise party was given Mr and Mrs R P Box at the ranger station. The crowd was so large there wasn't standing room, so all adjourned to the home of Mr/Mrs Percy Opdyke, where dancing, card playing and singing were enjoyed. Almost without exception every family between Burney, Cassel and Upper Hat Creek was represented, making the largest crowd in years. They all expressed their regrets at losing the Box family, who have been 'own folks' on Hat Creek for five years."

1930's - Excerpt from Aunt Anita's 1955 shows Uncle Reuben's responsibilities and contributions at the Stirling City Ranger Station: "...UNIQUE PROGRAM - The Stirling City ranger station, established as a unit of the CDF in 1947, began its history as a unique combination fire protection program. "Organized in 1930 was a cooperative effort named the North Butte Fire Protection Unit, operated and supported jointly by the United States and State forestry divisions, the County of Butte and the Diamond Match Company, and was the only cooperative venture of its kind on record. "This protection unit functioned until 1947, when the CDF took over all fire protection in the area for privately owned lands, and the United States Forest service assumed responsibility for public lands. "During the period from 1930 until that time, Reuben Box, now a fire patrolman for the Diamond Match Company, served as the patrol agent under the U S Forestry Service."

1930 - 22 Mar - For the record...and perhaps a chuckle in view of medical costs today: "Sacred Heart Hospital, Medford, Oregon, (Invoice to) Mr Reuben P Box -
 17 Days Hospital attendance at \$28 per week.....\$68.00
 Surgery \$15 - Dressings \$.50 - Medicines \$1..... 16.50
 Laboratory Test \$7.50..... 7.50

 \$92.00

...with miscellaneous and Credits, the final Balance was \$70.00

....and on 10 Jul a personal letter from the surgeon:

"Dear Mr Box: I am in receipt of your check to close your account and thank you for the same. I am pleased to know that you are feeling so much better and trust everything will be O.K. with you now....James C Hayes, Physician & Surgeon, "...and when was the last time you had a letter from your doctor?!!

1931 - Letter from Uncle Reuben to Alice: "Your nice letter was received several days ago and I was very glad to hear from you. I was mighty glad to know you was getting along so well with your piano lessons. You know I heard you play out at your grandmas one Sunday and then again at Mrs Bates...and now since you have your own piano I guess you have been practicing a lot more. "...Norman was sick with a fever ...but the doctor gave him some pills and his mother gave him a dose of castor oil and that made him snap out of it...I am looking forward to this fall when your daddy comes up for his buck...I wish that you, Evelyn, and your mother would come up with him and keep your Aunt Anita in a good humor while your daddy and I go buck hunting...."

1932 - 4 Dec - letter from Reuben to Alice: "I think I have received two

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letters from you...& have been too busy to answer them...We have all had the flu here but I think we are thru with it for awhile. First I had it...it got me down for the count for a couple of days: then your Aunt Anita came down and she was floored too & I had to cook all the breakfasts: then Beryl went to bed; then Norman came home from school and went to bed...Anita is kind of dumpy yet and cranky and mean as the very mischief. I am as happy as a lark...May drop in at your house a night or two beginning with evening of Dec 13...hope your daddie is not working dog watch...as would like to visit with him in the evenings...The little fir trees were pretty with all the snow clinging to their boughs...I will try to send you a nice one before Xmas...
(NOTE: Uncle Reuben either sent or brought us a fresh Christmas tree almost every year.)

1934+ scrapbook p7 has announcement of Uncle Reuben's promotion to ass't supervisor with move from Yreka to Lassen Nat'l Forest.

1936 - letter from Uncle Reuben to Aunt Ora: "Stirling City, Calif, Feb 23, "Dear Sister Ora:- Norman has gone to town...Beryl and her boy friend have gone to Chico to the show and Anita has been in Chico for a week taking care of her mother. I am home alone and it is sure lonesome here on Sundays as nearly everybody goes away somewhere..I saw this clipping (re Joel Mortimer Zane Jr's death) in the Sac. Bee so am sending it to you. I suppose this is Mort Zane, but I cannot remember him. This clipping says he was 95 years old, but I saw another account where he was 59 so I guess they got it twisted. "My boy decided to quit college and join the Navy and try & learn a trade. I have signed his papers so if they call him he is ready to go. He was down in Sacramento in that baseball school for 4 or 5 days. He stayed until the 4th day and was finally sent home for poor batting form. He is a very good ball player but lacked the knack of standing just right at the plate, etc. "I never hear from Andy or Bessie but they say no news is good news so hope they are O.K.... "I have asked for another job even if I have to take less money as this one is too hard for my old legs. My case is now with the Reg. Forester, so do not be surprised if you hear from me at some other sea port. "Beryl still works in the P.O. here. Vernon is working on the DMCo R.R. When Norman leaves home Anita and I will be lonely I guess...Love, Reuben"

1936 -Per Aunt Anita's 1932-1938 scrapbook: Newspaper clipping c. 1936 tells of a talk Forest Ranger Box, Head of the North Butte Cooperative Unit, gave at the monthly meeting of Epsilon Pi Tau, Chico State College honorary industrial arts fraternity. Discussed the history and working of the US Forest Reserve, pest menace in the forest..control methods and replanting of trees.

1938 - Effective Jan 1 1938 - "STIRLING CITY NEWS by Roy Brewer - on Wed evening, Dec 5, the Stirling Hotel was the scene of considerable gayety when ...members of the Good-fellows Club, a newly formed civic club made up of Diamond Match Co employees and citizens of Stirling City met there to bid farewell to Reuben Box. "After 8 years of service as district ranger in the north Butte area, Box is being transferred to the Hat Creek district of the Lassen National Forest. During those 8 years, vast improvements and many constructive changes have been made under his administration toward the formation of a cooperative unit where the state forestry and the California protective association are affiliated with the Diamond Match Co and the National Forest. "After a supper prepared by Manager Meyers of the hotel, where Elmer Martin acted as master of ceremonies, Box explained the individuality of the North Butte District and the fact that it is the only unit in America so handled,

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also the various factors and splendid cooperation that has contributed to its success....."A bronze desk lamp with engravings was presented to the departing ranger from his north Butte friends...Ranger Box is being succeeded by Clyde Lewis who comes from the Klamath National Forest..."

(NOTE: On the same page is a clipping which appears to have been cut from a Forest Service newsletter: "Ranger Clyde Lewis of the Yreka District transferred to Magalia District of the Lassen National Forest, effective Jan 1. Clyde will have the distinction of living in the only two-story bachelor quarters with a poker room in the basement in Region 5." We all remember this house in Stirling City because it was new when Uncle Reuben and his family moved into it and it was very impressive....all carpeted and a modern kitchen!)

1938 - On the same page is a note: "Stirling City, Jan 5 1938 - Dear Ruben: We all join in wishing you health, happiness and success on your new district. We appreciate the fine work you have done on the Old North Butte and are happy to be considered among your long list of friends."....signed by 32 men.

1939 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has membership cards for Uncle Reuben in:
1) Burney Chamber of Commerce, Shasta Co, CA; 2) Lassen Co Fish & Game Conservation League; 3) Inter-Mountain Sportsmen's Ass'n, Fall River Valley Branch; 4) The American Red Cross;

circa 1945 - clipping in Aunt Anita's 1945-49 book:

"Veteran Hat Creek Ranger Quits Job - Susanville (Lassen County) April 7 - The retirement of Reuben Box from the United States Forest Service was announced today by J E Elliott, supervisor of the Lassen National Forest. "Box, ranger of the Hat Creek district, spent 33 years in the employ of the service. For many years he was district ranger on the Lassen National Forest. Box will make his home in Stirling City...Ken Fox, fire control staff officer from the Shasta National Forest will succeed Box... (NOTE: Think they missed a bet with this one. A Variety-type headline would have been a natural: "FOX REPLACES BOX")

1945 - "Little Local Items...MR AND MRS R P BOX have moved from Hat Creek to Stirling City. Mr Fox has taken the place with the Forest Service on Hat Creek. They spent their last night with Mr and Mrs A L Doty who sent out cards for a fare well 'stag' party in Mr Box's honor. The cards had somehow become misplaced, with the result that the men arrived the night after Mr Box had left."

1945 - When he retired, Reuben was presented with a leather-bound book of letters, testimonials and tributes in recognition of his long career with the Forest Service. A few excerpts:

1) "...when a clerk on the Shasta Forest, one of the tasks assigned was to clean out files and discard obsolete and irrelevant material. Among the letters was one between the Forest Supervisor and Ranger Reuben Box concerning purchases of fire grub made by Reuben. It seems Reuben had bought canned crab, shrimp, oysters and other epicurean delicacies, and upon receipt of the bills the Supervisor hit the ceiling and wrote to demand an explanation to justify the purchases. Reuben's reply was a classic, and read approximately as follows: 'Damn it Dick, you know I acted in good faith; here it was the Fourth of July, the boys were downhearted, the smoke was going up to Jesus, and I just had to do something to cheer them up.' Thus, I believe, was the incident happily explained to the satisfaction of all concerned. Carrie E Evans"

2) "Your jokes have become nationally known and will never die. They are really good and especially when you tell them. You certainly have a gift few men have. And I never will know which yarns are true. Even those you told merely for a laugh will always be your own and no one will ever be able to

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 separate them from you. S. Cooper Smith"

3) "It just doesn't seem possible that a forest service institution like Reuben Box has gone into retirement. Most certainly, Reuben, the young chaps coming in will miss something in not having you on deck to give them a real feeling of Forest Service organization and tradition....Andy"

4) "...never forget the time when you, Jack and Nick came from the Lassen to visit us unsuspecting boys from Trinity. Pretending that Nick was a Washington Office Forester and you and Jack decked out in false mustaches were French foresters, you descended upon poor Wesley Hotelling. He was told a Washington forest man and two French Foresters would visit his station. Hot and sweaty--back from a week's field trip, Hotelling jumped into a tub, scrubbed himself spotless, shaved and even perfumed himself for the expected visitors. And then you and Jack had to insist on saluting Wesley in true French style, by planting a poppy first on the left cheek and then on the right cheek. Then about that time your handlebar mustache became disengaged and our little friend Hotelling nearly finished you off...G Ellis"

1946 - "Stirling City Personals -...Reuben Box and Don Orner went to Minersville, Trinity County, last weekend. Mr Orner returned home on Sunday, but Mr Box will spend the winter there, where he intends to trap."

1946 - "Ranger Now Trapper - A retired forest ranger formerly with the Trinity National Forest, Ruben Fox (sic), has returned to Trinity county to trap in the Minersville area...He was stationed at the Cedar stock farm near Minersville as assistant ranger from 1910 to 1914, and returned in 1945 as a district ranger in the Lassen national forest after 35 years with the forest service." (NOTE; This sounds like the trapping adventure Uncle Reuben and Daddy shared, where they were lost for a time and many of us were very worried about them. They eventually showed up and there are a couple of pictures of them as bedraggled, unshaven characters just down out of the mountains. They and we all laughed about it many times in future years, but I am sure they had some rough moments as we did at home when we didn't hear from them for so long.)

1950 - 20 Dec - Letter from Neva Hastings, Reuben's first teacher at White River, to Anita and Reuben (excerpts): "...So pleased to hear from you. You'll never know how pleased I was when you came to see me and I'll be looking forward to your visit in the spring. ...I look back with pleasure to my teaching at Grapevine. Everyone was so hospitable - made you so welcome. You children come of noble parentage. How well I remember going home with you children to stay all night, how I killed a little rattlesnake on the trail that morning...I realize how anxious you are with your baby boy in the service... Remember your mother was a praying woman. With best wishes, Neva Hastings"

1951-2 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has Game Refuge Permit dated 15 Nov 1951 authorizing Uncle Reuben to "possess firearms and take predatory animals." Same page has his Trapping License from Fish and Game Dept.

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has clipping: "HAT CREEK NEWS - Mr and Mrs Reuben Box and Mr and Mrs Andrew Box spent several days on Hat Creek, hunting and visiting. Reuben Box was stationed at the Hat Creek ranger station for several years a good many years ago and later returned until his retirement, so is looked upon as an adopted son of Hat Creek."

1953 - Holiday letter from Neva Hastings in Terra Bella to Anita & Reuben: "I received a number of Christmas letters, but none that gave me a greater thrill than yours - so nice to be remembered!...How many fond memories your

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 letter recalls...Neva Hastings"

1955 - Aunt Anita's 1955 scrapbook has the poem:

"The Fire Ran Over the Mountain (3 times), To See What She Could See!

"On The Other Side Of The Mountain (3 times) She Was Boxed And Stamped R.P."

1955 - Same book as above: "Stirling City Club Fetes 7 Employees - Seven Stirling City employes of the Diamond Match Company who have reached retirement age were honored at a dinner sponsored by the Stirling City Goodfellows Club in the Feather River Country Club. They are.....Reuben P Box....More than 100 persons attended."

1959 - letter from Uncle Reuben in Stirling City, 14 Nov, to:

"Dear Andy & Addie: I made a trip down to Hyampom thinking I would just murder the steelheads and when I arrived down there I found the old South Fork almost dry. Just a little trickle down the old island. River bed covered with moss and no salmon spawning. They have not had rain enough to raise the water so fish can get up the rapids. I fished awhile down at the Big Rock hole & near there and caught 3 or 4 of those silvery half pounders & a few trout.

"Stayed 2 nights with Slim & Nellie Mortensen. I made inquiry regarding motel accommodations and found that most all cabins are occupied by mill men & lumberjacks. Both sawmills in Hyampom are running., I told Nellie & Slim that you would like to come to Hyampom but wouldn't come unless we could get a warm place to stay. So they invited you & me to come & stay with them whenever we wished. They have a 3 bedroom house & Mrs Garrett is staying with young Bill Garrett and no one in her house so they have plenty of room. So if you & Addie want to go down you are invited to be guests of the Mortensens.

"Since there was no fishing in Hyampom I thought I would try the Trinity and learned that there was a new road from Hyampom over to Big Bar so I took off and sailed along (mostly in high gear) and in no time was at Corral Bottom. A few minutes later I was at Ernest Duncan's in Big Bar. Stayed 2 nights with Ernest & fished a little but no luck. Jack did not hear of anybody catching a steelhead - water too low in Trinity. Had a fine visit with Ernest rehashing our experiences since he worked for me at Harrison Gulch in 1913 & 1914... Oh yes! Ernest told me that Ivan Cuff had married some old Jane over at Grass Valley. Quite a shock to us since Ivan was a woman-hater we always thought.

"I came home via Weaver & Redding. I am not going down there fishing until after we get some storm & the river raises - then it should be good...Had a letter from Norman... thinks he will be assigned to an Air Base in Belgium... Little Andy killed a 3-pt. buck by himself, so is a confirmed buck hunter now. "Beryl and kids are getting along Okeh. Beryl has a part time checking job... "Let me hear your fishing plans & maybe I can go with you."

1960 - Letter from Reuben to Andy & Addie: "Andy's letter & Addie's card both arrived today...glad to hear from you...I finally got my wife home last night - went to Chico & hauled her home. Have been baching here since Dec 31 and was getting pretty tired of my own cooking - even though, as you know, is par-excellence....Have not been well ...have dizzy spells nearly every day...blackd out in the store and when I came to, my neighbors had arranged with the stage driver to take me to Chico. Guess they didn't want me to die here. Anyway, I went down to please them all and stayed 2 or 3 days at Beryl's...2 doctors worked me over (one a heart specialist) and they don't think it is heart trouble but due to my age there is not sufficient blood reaching my head...I thought I had my house immaculately clean and had my bed all made up, dishes washed, etc and lo & behold, Anita found a few little bread crumbs, sugar, etc, on the floor in the front room where I had been happily

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up & spent Thanksgiving with us. Beryl, Charlotte and their boys came also, so we had quite a joyous visit with them all... With love from your Uncle Reuben"

1964 - 19 Dec from Reuben to cousins Bertha & Cliff Uhl in Tulare Co:

"We are both well, altho I am still taking my daily ration of pills due to that heart trouble I've had for several years. Some days do not feel too frisky and others pretty good. "My boy Norman, his wife & boy are now stationed in Ramstein Air Force Base in West Germany... His position is quite a responsible one and has to do with our Nat. Defense. Their daughter is attending San Jose State and did not wish to disrupt her schooling here so did not go to Germany. "Our daughter Beryl lives in Chico and works at Chico State College and supports her 2 youngest boys who are in Hi School. She & her husband are separated. Her 2 daughters are both married & have children of their own - One lives in Pomona- the other here in Chico. ...

"We hear from Kathryn McCabe once in awhile and she tells us some of the Tulare news. It was 67 yrs ago on Oct 22 that we drove away from the Guthrie place and headed for Trinity Co. My father & mother and 5 of us kids. Now I am the only one of the Tulare Sam Box family alive. Lost my brother Andy & sister Ora last Apr 5. Both died the same day. Andy with a heart attack & Ora in an auto wreck. "Hope you and all your loved ones have a Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year. Reuben"

1965 - Allen arrived home from his five years in Europe in Aug 1965.

Soon after his return to CA he took Jon and Glenn and went to Chico to see Uncle Reuben shortly before he died.

1965 - Uncle Reuben had an aneurysm located lower than Daddy's - probably near the kidneys. He underwent surgery at Stanford in March 1965. His surgeon was the internationally known heart surgeon, Dr Shumway. He felt quite well after the surgery: planted his garden in Stirling City and took care of his pet duck. However, the blood transfusions following surgery gave him hepatitis, which, with its usual three -month incubation period, surfaced in July. He had difficulty eating on the Fourth of July, and spent a good part of the month of July at Beryl's home in Chico. He died in his sleep at her home 21 Aug 1965.



Above: Reuben as Fire Patrolman at Bowerman Ranch in 1911.

Right: Bessie & Reuben with "round rock" they used to play on in White River, CA. Taken in the 1930's.



1909 - 1913 memories:

1957 - from CALIFORNIA RANGER, Alumni Edition, 1957 - Number 16: "Reuben Box thinks his remembrances are a bit too mild to be interesting. We do not agree and we think you will enjoy them too, and remember some of your growing pains.

'It was the summer of 1909 while employed as a timber faller by the Castle Lake Lumber Company on Castle Creek some three or four miles from Castella in Shasta Co. that I first decided that I would like to join the Forest Service. At the time this company was logging some of their private holdings and, also, had contracted for quite a block of stumpage from the Forest Service.

'The government timber to be cut had previously been marked by whom I do not know but whoever they were, I was soon to learn were not timber fallers. As we approached the government sale area the bunk house discussion centered on which set or sets of fallers would be assigned to bend their backs and cut those low stumps, fall every marked tree without topping or skinning any reproduction, etc. Forest Officers began to arrive in force all dressed neatly in their forestry greens, peaked crowned Stetsons, etc. Sure enough my partner and I drew the sale area and started to work. We soon ran into problems in falling which had never bothered us while cutting privately owned timber. In certain clusters of trees one or two would be marked and no possible way to get them to fall due to interlocking limbs of unmarked trees, cat faced old leaners were marked and no possible way to get them down without skinning a bunch of young growth. Our woods foremen lent a sympathetic ear to our grief and suggested we appeal our case to the Forest Officer in charge of sale. This we did and in due time up came the man to look over our job. After a brief glance at our problems he informed us of all the terms of the sale contract which our company had agreed to, that he had not marked the timber, etc., and we could either fall the marked timber or the company could pay the penalty scale, etc. In short it was our baby to play with. He also measured some of our stumps by sticking his rule some 3 or 4 inches down in the leaf mold, and of course, found stumps an inch or so above the 14 or 16" limit on the high side. While this was a serious violation of the contract, we were excused this time upon our promise not to let it occur again. If so, the company may be required to saw off the stumps or pay a penalty. Nothing we could do but quit and go somewhere else or stay and do the best we could. The latter course was decided upon so we would cut the trees off in the clusters and leave them lodged until they could be pulled out by the donkey. Those leaners were felled by using the following method: We would wait until we heard or saw the train spot

empty cars at the landing and by that we knew the officer would be busy for awhile scaling logs as they were loaded on the cars. We would then take our axes and cut a deep ring at ground level on each little tree that was certain to be topped or broken and then pile our big leaner down. Invariably these small trees were snapped off at ground level and could not be easily distinguished from limbs from the legally felled trees. Deceitful act on our part but it worked and we did not get caught.

'It was through the envy I felt toward these Forest men who were only doing their duty as they had been instructed, plus the feeling that there was little or no future for me if I followed the lumberjack game that I then decided to try and get into the Forest Service, and, if successful, be in a position to require the other fellow to bend his back for a change and cut those low stumps, etc.

'After finding out the procedure to be followed from the Assistant Ranger and completing the application forms, I took the Civil Service Examination for Assistant Forest Ranger at Sisson (Now Mt Shasta City) on October 20 and 21, 1909, and returned to my lumberjack job. Winter passed by and again in the spring of 1910 I found myself at the same camp on Castle Creek falling timber. Since I had heard nothing from the ranger examination I began to think I had flunked the thing so badly they figured it wasn't worthwhile to notify me and so kept on sawing down trees. About the middle of May I received a little pink slip of paper from Washington, D C which showed that I had passed the examination and was eligible for appointment. A few days following and letters began to reach me offering positions on various forests - Sequoia, Mono, Lassen, Trinity, et al. I accepted the Trinity position because I was partly raised in that county and knew the country fairly well. In due time I received orders from Forest Supervisor F H Hafley (now dead) to report for duty to Ranger C A Chamberlain (now dead) at Minersville, CA on June 1. Since time was short I quit my job at once, bid my lumberjack friends farewell and boarded the train at Redding. There I purchased a horse, saddle, bridle and six shooter, the outfit costing me a total of \$65.00. Two days later I reported to Ranger Chamberlain as directed. Chamberlain and I discussed the job at hand in all detail and he gave me an outline of what I was expected to do, what equipment was necessary for me to furnish, living quarters, etc. He issued me a 7 x 9' tent, a tent fly, a 4 lb pole axe, a shovel, a diary book, a 1 qt canteen and a canvas carrying case. There being no place to obtain board and lodging near I would of necessity have to bach.

'He (Chamberlain) allowed me to use his team and buggy to go to Lewiston and purchase my outfit. I believe it was May 30 when I went for these supplies which consisted of a couple

of cheap quilts, a few cooking utensils, a small supply of groceries, a little extra clothing, etc. Stretched my tent, made a bunk out of some scrap lumber, filled it with hay since no mattress was available and I could not afford to buy one. Stretched my tent fly nearby, made me a small table out of scrap lumber, rustled a powder box or two for chairs. Cooked my first meal of bacon, eggs, coffee, and hot cakes on a camp fire and prayed for a day when I could afford to buy a stove. This problem was solved in a few days when an old miner came by and agreed to rent me a stove for 50 cents a month or \$2.50 for the season.

'June 10, 1910, I was up early and ready to start my first day in the U S Forest Service. The District Ranger called me to his office and pinned the little bronze shield badge on my left suspender strap. We saddled our horses, took a few tools and rode some three or four miles up Stuarts Fork to a point where the stock driveway trail crossed Stony Creek. Here the District Ranger showed me the ford across this swift little mountain stream which was so washed out and rocky that it was dangerous to cross and instructed me to find a better ford and then relocate the approach trails to a new crossing. He departed and I was on my own. After looking over the problem for some time I sellected a fairly smooth crossing down stream from the old ford. To reach the new ford on any decent grade it was necessary to build my new trail right under a large cottonwood tree where hundreds of grapevines had grown and twined themselves like ropes to the entire top of the tree. An attempt was made to cut these miserable rope-like vines, and other blackberry and wild rose briars out of my right away without much progress. Anxious to make good in my new job and to make a showing I figured that to cut them out one by one with the axe was a waste of time, so I just put a match to the miserable mess. The first just roared up to the top of the cottonwood tree and in 10 or 15 minutes my right of way was clean for a few feet at least. Fortunately no spot fires started and the spread in the debris was slight but that old cottonwood tree was turned into a large black snag. I then went ahead and graded the approach trails, repaired the ford, etc. In a couple of days I informed the District Ranger that the job was complete and that I was ready to take on some other job.

'He rode with me to inspect my job and, of course, that old black snag immediately caught his eye so he inquired as to how the fire got started. I told him the truth. He invited me to sit down on a log beside him where he gave me a lecture on our duty as Forest Officers to prevent fires and not cause them and if I planned to stay in the Service to never pull another stunt like that. I never did. That was one forest fire on the Trinity where no written fire report was submitted. Altho 45 years have now passed I shall never forget that I deliberately set a fire the first day I drew pay from the U S Forest Service.

(NOTE: The following episode is one that my father loved to tell and still conjures up the silliest picture in my mind)

'In the fall of 1913 I was stationed at Harrison Gulch R.S. on the Trinity. I received an invitation to spend Thanksgiving with my best girl who lived some 35 or 40 miles away. At the time I had a highly spirited saddle animal and a good riding outfit so planned to keep the date by riding across country. The morning I was to start it was pouring rain and the wind was howling. However, I donned my slicker, chaps, etc., and started. Made good progress on Browns Mts. through the blizzard and reached the old cut off trail between Reddings Creek and the Trinity River. My horse was stepping out beautifully in and out of the numerous little gulches when I suddenly rounded a point and what did I meet but an old Chinaman sitting astride a long eared jackass. He had an umbrella over his head and a basket in one hand. My mare just froze on the spot and squatted even though I used the spurs. Up the trail came that jackass with his ears working back and forth as though on hinges. All of a sudden my mare whirled and away we flew back toward Harrison Gulch. I stood up in the stirrups and seesawed my rain soaked rawhide reins as hard as I could all to no avail. Back we flew into one gulch after another with my coat tail standing out straight in the wind, dodging hanging limbs, etc. After about a half or 3/4 of a mile we reached some up grade where I finally slowed her down sufficient to dismount. My mare was trembling all over with fear and I could hear her heart throbbing. My back was about broke and I was aching all over. As I stood there in the rain and held to the bridle reins I was convinced that General Sheridan or Paul Revere never made a more terrific ride than I had. Puzzled as to what to do, I stood there and relaxed a few minutes. I knew if I went back I would again meet that old Chinaman and would be in for a repeat ride maybe worse than the one just completed. Getting wetter and colder every minute I decided to detour around, which I did by walking and leading my horse for a mile or so and then proceeded to my destination arriving about an hour later than I should. After all had a good laugh at my unpleasant experience, Thanksgiving was spent quite pleasantly. The girl who invited me to that Thanksgiving dinner is now and has been my wife for over forty years. Reuben Box.'

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1894 - Anita Elsie ANDERLINI b 18 Oct 1894, Lewiston, Trinity Co, CA
 Parents: Frank Ferdinand ANDERLINI & Babetta WALPOLE
 m 24 Feb 1915 to Reuben Preston BOX, Lewiston, Trinity Co, CA
 d 12 Mar 1989, Odd Fellows Home, Saratoga, Santa Clara Co, CA
 bur 16 Mar 1989, Chico, Butte Co, CA

PLEASE see Reuben Preston BOX Notes for more information on Anita.

1894 - Aunt Anita was born and married in the same ranch house in Lewiston, Trinity County, CA: the Anderlini ranch. Her parents were Frank Ferdinand Anderlini, Italian, and Babetta WAPOLE, partly German extraction. (NOTE: According to Norman, Josie, Aunt Anita's brother, was the only member of the family to change the name to ANDERLINE - pronounced an'-der-line rather than an-der-leen'-ee as above. The very large album of postcards in which Aunt Anita and Uncle Reuben carry on extensive and frequent correspondence, and which also includes cards from her sisters and mother, always address her as Miss Anita Anderlini and she signed her name that way on her own postcards.)

1911 - Anita graduated from grammar school in 1911 according to a clipping in her first scrapbook covering 1911 to 1929. The list of graduates also lists Irene Van Matre in the same class. Anita later married Reuben Preston Box and Irene married Andrew Howell Box. They remained friends for years, and saw each other many times after Andy and Irene were divorced.

NOTE: Please refer to Reuben, Ora, Bessie, Millie, Andy BOX Notes for other postcard messages. They are much too numerous to cross reference, but also too interesting to overlook. Aunt Anita was scrupulous in saving postcards from every member of both hers and Uncle Reuben's families as well as their legion of friends, from 1900 to 1920. They give an insight into the lives these people led that cannot be gleaned from any other source and the frequency of correspondence at times is almost a diary-like record of their every-day thoughts and activities. It is a pity each and every one of them cannot be included in the book, because the illustrations on the front range from scenic and historical wonders to the holiday greetings to the photographs of friends and family to the comic and witty cartoons.

1912 - In Aunt Anita's earliest scrapbook: Feb 1912 clipping about a Masquerade Ball at Lewiston, masks removed at 11PM, delicious lunch served at midnight and dancing continued until daylight. Among the guests were: Anita Anderlini, China woman; Reuben Box, cowboy; Andy Box, clown.

1913 - January postcard from Anita to Reuben shows Cedar Stock Farm where Anita worked at the time.

1913 - 20 Feb from Reuben to Anita in Minersville c/o Antone Caton:
 "All went well this AM. Cold weather here. R.B."

1913 - 20 Feb same as above - (Yes - 2 in one day!): "Just a card tonight. Had a fine meeting today. There is going to be moving pictures of Forest scenes tonight. I am going. I won't get to come by Minersville...As ever. R.B."

1913 - 22 Feb to Anita in Lewiston from Reuben in Hayfork: "How is my 'Baby Doll?' Hope she is well. Sincerely, RPB."

1913 - 10 Mar to Anita in Minersville from Reuben in Hayfork: "Have been having lovely weather of late but has been windy & cold today. Sent Ma a card tonight."

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Hope you are well for this leaves me fat and sassy - eat 3 meals a day & could stand another. RPB."

1913 - 18 Mar from Reuben in Hayfork to Anita in Minersville telling her he had to send a card tonight because the telephone line was down.

1913 - 19 Mar from Reuben to Anita: "No letter mail came to Hayfork tonight. Guess they forgot it in Weaver. The phone line still on the bum...RPB"
(NOTE: This card in particularly small print and he made very fancy capital letters for his initial signature.)

1913-1914 - There are many cards from other young men who were obviously wooing Aunt Anita about this time...as there are from young women after Uncle Reuben!

1913 - 25 May card to Reuben in Knob from Anita in Lewiston saying she is "just back from Weaverville. Was out to see Andy & Irene & stayed there one night. Had a fine visit with them."

1913 - 15 Aug - postcard from Anita Anderlini to Reuben in Knob: first time she signs "with love."

1914 - 22 Mar card to Anita from Reuben in Weaverville: "Hope you are well. I am some better but not well by any means. Sincerely, RPB."

1914 - Jul 20 postcard from Anita in Lewiston to Reuben in Knob shows a picture of her on horseback with the message: "Mrs Huestis and I as we were ready to come to Weaverville the Mon after the dance at Lewiston. Don't we look like some buckaroos? Taken between the house & wagon shed."

1914 - 1 Aug - Ora's book card from Anita in Weaverville to Ora in Hot Springs: "...Your letter was received some time ago & was glad to hear from you Hope little Bennie is alright now... Reuben has gone to Sisson to fight fire. Several men have gone from here and they sent for more. It must be an awful fire. There are a couple of fires near Hayfork... With love, Anita"

1914 - 19 Aug to Miss A Anderlini in Weaverville from Reuben in Knob: "Some hot days over here. Have been eating lots of watermelons & ice cream."

1915 - 24 Feb undated clipping in Aunt Anita's oldest scrapbook: "MARRIED - in Lewiston, on Wednesday, February 24, 1915, Mr Reuben P Box of Knob and Miss Anita Anderlini of Lewiston, Rev M Lewis of Weaverville performing the ceremony." Another clipping lists all couples married in Trinity Co in 1915. At the top of the list: Feb 24-Reuben P Box and Anita Anderlini.

1915 - Same source as above, clipping: "Box-Anderlini - Miss Anita Anderlini of Lewiston and Mr Reuben P Box of Harrison Gulch were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Anderlini of Lewiston. Rev J M Lewis performed the marriage ceremony. The bride was born and reared in Lewiston and has always been a social favorite among the younger set. The groom is an ambitious, energetic young man, holding the position of district ranger in the forest service. After a few days spent in Lewiston, the young couple will come to Weaverville to remain for a month or more, the groom being at present engaged in work in the local forest office Later they will leave for Knob, where the groom has his headquarters. A shower of congratulations is extended to the young couple by their host of friends."

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1915 - 5 Nov card to Anita at Trinity Center from her sister Eneth:
"...Am glad you are moved. Bet it seems good to get into a house again."

1915 - 15 Nov to Anita in Trinity Center from her sister Eneth: "...How is Elaine, also Mr Box?..." ...indicating that Sam Box was either visiting or living with Anita and Reuben less than a year after they were married. This is probably about the time Elma Box went into the Mendocino State Hospital.

1920 - Dec - There were many, many cards wishing Aunt Anita well after her illness. The most outstanding by far was the letter written by Bernhard Matzen, Aunt Ora's 14-year-old son, on 29 Nov 1920:

"Dear Uncle Reuben: I hope Aunt Anita is better by now. I have \$20.98 in the bank and if you need it just let me know, as I have no use for it and it might help you some. I am beginning to run the ranch for father and he says he will pay me wages; but I'll wait until I see the color of it. Anyway, I am going to try it. Love to Aunt Anita, Beryl, and Norman. Your nephew, Bernhard Matzen"

About 1922 - Beryl started school in Trinity Center because she, Aunt Anita and Norman were living with Aunt Anita's parents, the Anderlinis, in Lewiston while Uncle Reuben went to Alaska for one year "to make his fortune." He had taken leave from the U S Forest Service for the year. When he returned they went to Hat Creek where he resumed his work for the Forest Service.

Aft 1924 - Undated San Francisco Examiner clipping in Aunt Anita's oldest scrapbook has picture of Sam Adams, "one of San Francisco's oldest characters, who has driven his hack about Golden Gate Park for the past fifteen years. It is one of the few vehicles of its kind on the Pacific Coast and was built in 1876 in Philadelphia.....Sam says he paid \$2,000 for the hack and that 'he wouldn't trade it for ten automobiles.' His horse, he declared, was once a famous Kentucky racer. She still trots a good 15 miles an hour...." Across the top of this clipping is a note in Aunt Ora's writing: "The same outfit you folks hired in 1924 in Golden Gate Park. We see him in the park at times yet."

1937 - Per Anita's 1932-38 book, her mother, Mrs Anderlini died 4 May 1937, aged 79; native of Heidelberg, Germany and had lived in Chico for two years.

1932-38 - Aunt Anita's 1932-38 scrapbook has an undated small clipping:
"Mrs Reuben Box, Mrs Donald Orner, Miss Nelda Mae Batham, F F Anderlini and Norman Box drove to Sacramento Wednesday. Box, who has been home on a leave of absence from the navy, returned to San Francisco."

1938 - 9 clippings in 1938-40 scrapbook about Mr Anderlini's death Nov 3 1938. One clipping said he was born in Italy, near the Swiss line in 1856, came to America in 1876, settled in Lewiston in 1884, married Babetta Wapole, was an active rancher on Rush Creek near Weaverville in Trinity County.

1938-40 scrapbook: 7 clippings tell of the tragic death of Aunt Anita's brother, Frank Anderline. He was an employee of Lockheed Aircraft Co and was piloting a military plane on a test for the British Government at the time of the crash in Cheshire. Aunt Anita's sister learned of the crash and the death of her brother in a radio report from London and fainted on the spot. Frank was only 42, lived in Seattle and had been a United Airlines pilot for many years. Survived by his widow, Florence, no children.

1941 - Per Aunt Anita's 1941 scrapbook, she paid \$3 in dues on Feb 28, 1940 as a member of Evening Star Rebekah Lodge No 35, I O O F.

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1947(?) - 1945-49 scrapbook has clipping about "blond producer from England Betty Box" - interesting but irrelevant to family history probably. Aunt Anita often included information about non-family Boxes in her scrapbooks.

1952 - Anita's book has newspaper photo with caption: "Working away at it, Mrs Reuben Box launches another attack at her seven-foot drifts, with the expert advice of Grandsons Harold and Tommy Orner." Shows the three of them with snow almost to the top of the windows on Aunt Anita's front porch in Stirling City.

1952 - On 26 Feb Aunt Anita and Uncle Reuben left on a trip through California to Las Vegas to see Norman and on to Arizona. They returned home on April 21. Aunt Anita always kept a trip diary with mileages, food and accommodation costs, people visited and little notes on the scenery. This trip was unique in that they visited so many members of the family throughout the state, so I am copying it almost verbatim to indicate what a close-knit family the Boxes remained into the 20th century. This little dimestore notebook is a testimonial to their love of visiting family:

"26 Feb - ...Drove to Bessies, arrived at 5:30. They just got home from Fresno.
 27 Feb - Reuben & E.H. (Elmer Martin) go to the Ranch. Bessie & I leave at 12 pm & go to Napa. Stayed at Ben's. ---28 Feb - Bessie, Ora & I drove back to Manteca...Reuben & E.H. arrived soon after we did. Had a good supper. Played Canasta. Ora & I won over Bessie & Reuben. ---29 Feb - Went to Stockton to see Dorothy Johnson in afternoon. Ora & E.H. not feeling well.---1 Mar - Reuben and I drove to Mariposa.....Snow on way here.---2 Mar - Left Huffords (friends) at 1:30....Drove to Fresno - Stay with Margaret (BOX) Reeves. Wonderful time.
 ---3 Mar - Fresno to Delano to Tehachapi to Mohave to Barstow overnight.
 ---4 Mar - ...Arrived at Norman's at Nellis Air Base.---5 Mar - Wrote Rhoda and Beryl. Reuben went with Norman to watch flying saber jets. Went into Las Vegas in eve.---6 Mar - At Norman's. Frances & I went into Las Vegas in afternoon.
 ---7 Mar - Left Nellis 10:20....left Boulder Dam 2:15....rugged scenery...stay at Kingman, Arizona---8 Mar - Flagstaff overnight---9 Mar -Oak Creek Canyon covered with snow - went to Montezuma's Castle...---10 Mar - Mesa, Arizona to visit old friends from Hat Creek, the Dotys....Reuben and Asa went to the baseball game, Chicago Cubs & NY Giants: Giants won 15 to 3---11 Mar - left Mesa...pouring rain.---12 Mar - Yuma, Arizona...gas at El Centro---12 Mar - Arrived at Chula Vista at Edith Pritchard's (my mother's sister) at 3 pm.
 ---13 Mar - Stopped in San Diego to see Dr Derbyshire (another old friend) but couldn't find him....arrived at Elaine's (Aunt Anita's niece) 4:30---14 Mar - at Elaine's - washed clothes - went grocery shopping with Elaine---15, 16, 17 Mar - at Elaine's---18 Mar arrived Porterville 7PM---19 Mar - came to Douglas Macy's 2 pm. Visited the Uhls enroute. Rained hard---20 Mar - Reuben and Doug cutting wood and worked on bed of trailer.---21 Mar - Reuben & Douglas went to Porterville. I washed windows. ...Kathryn & Harlan came at 10PM---22 Mar - The men hauled the lumber to the spot of building. Kathryn & I took a long walk & drove to White River for eggs.---23 Mar - Just visited - had chicken dinner. Kathryn and Harlan left at 2:30pm. Guthries drove in to see Douglas---24 Mar -Washed windows & cupboards. Reuben chopped a tree down. Douglas went to Guthries & then worked on road.---25 Mar - Dug foundation. Rec'd letters from Alice & Ila. Spring weather---26 Mar - Went to Porterville in afternoon---27 Mar - Laying water pipe. Wrote Charlotte & Vernon---28 Mar - Men poured cement foundation. Reuben & I went for eggs. Rec'd several letters. Washed my hair. Trouble with water tank leaking.---29 Mar - Drove to Porterville & got wash done. Worked on water tank in am.---30 Mar - Doug and Guy Guthrie to Springville & Dot Hughes. Got home 9:30.---31 Mar - Men worked on house. Ironed in eve.---1 Apr - Men put up one wall.---2 Apr - Another wall

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up. Red's letter with bills.---3 Apr - We 3 went to town---4 Apr - Everybody busy. Kathryn & Louie came at 10 pm.---5 Apr - Very hot. Kathryn & Louie & I went to town. Played cards in eve.---6 Apr - Had big picnic. Nick, Ora (BOX) MATZEN), Alice (BOX) RAMSAY) and Ken, Andy & Addie (BOX), Guy (GUTHRIE) and Iola, Kathryn (McCABE) & Louie (Kathryn's friend), Douglas (MACY), Reuben & Anita (BOX)---7 Apr - We 3 went to town. Rained hard. Reuben & Doug worked on house. Wrote letters in pm.---8 Apr - All at home---9 Apr - Went to Guy Guthrie's---10 Apr - We 3 went to town. Visited Dot (GUTHRIE) HUGHES) & Uhls.--11 Apr - Kathryn got hurt. Doug & Louie took her to Dr. Reuben worked on the 'pit.'---12 Apr - Reuben, Kathryn & I went to town. Chicken dinner---13 Apr - Easter Sunday. Kathryn & Louie went home. Men trimmed horses' hoofs.---14 Apr - I washed some clothes---15 Apr - Washed more clothes. Good sunshine. Painted the door. Washed the floor at house yesterday. Men finished the roof. House all complete now.---16 Apr - Visited Mrs Hastings (Reuben's first school teacher in White River), Dot Hughes & Helen (GUTHRIE) McCall & Uhls.---17 Apr - Heading north. Ate dinner at Uhl's. Arrived at Bessie's in Manteca.---18 Apr - Ora & Nick came by. Bessie & I went to town. Visited Sadie (Uncle Elmer's sister)---19 Apr - Stayed at home. Went for mail. Cards in eve.---20 Apr - Went to visit with Helen Phillips & Sadie---21 Apr - Returned home Apr 21st."

1954 - Anita's book has drivers licenses:

"Anita Elsie Box, Height 5-6; born Oct 18 1894, weight 159, eyes Grey, hair Brn, age 59, married Yes"... "Reuben Preston Box, height 5-10, born Dec 6 1887, weight 155, eyes Hazel, hair Brn, age 66, married Yes"

1957 - Three clippings in Aunt Anita's 1957 scrapbook about social activities:

- 1) "Stirling City 4-H Group Uses Fall Theme at Party - (decorations and games described) ...Leaders present were Mrs Reuben Box...."
- 2) "Busy Bee Club Hosts Yule Party - Members of the Busy Bee Club entertained their husbands and children at a Christmas party and dinner....Present were Mr and Mrs Reuben Box...."
- 3) Picture caption "ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT- Nine leaders turned out for a joint 4-H Achievement Night held in Stirling City Community Hall where....presented leader pins and certificates to the group. Recipients are...Mrs Anita Box.."

1957 - Aunt Anita's 1959 scrapbook has her 4-H Leader card: "4-H Leader Appointment Card, University of California, Agricultural Extension Service, Berkeley, California, 10/1/57 to 9/30/58 - This is to certify that MRS REUBEN BOX ...has been officially appointed as a 4-H Club Leader....member of the BUTTE COUNTY 4-H Club Council, as chartered by the University of California."

1958 - Clipping with picture in Anita's book:

"Stirling City 4-H Club Presents Second Annual Fair Showing Work Projects"
" Picture showing 10 girls and Aunt Anita has caption: "GIRLS MODEL GARMENTS THEY HAD MADE - Stirling City 4-H Club members appear on Community Hall stage in the clothes they modeled as part of the 4-H Fashion Show held recently. Left to right are.....Mrs Reuben P Box, advanced phase leader...."

1959 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has 3 clippings on one page re social events:

- 1) "Busy Bees Travel to Red Bluff for Reunion Picnic - The Stirling City Busy Bee Club traveled to Red Bluff...(for) a reunion picnic...and then toured the Diamond Gardner Corporation mill. Those present....Mrs Reuben Box..."
- 2) "Stirling City Groups Meet for Breakfast - Members of Stirling City Busy Bees and Brown Church Circle met for a pre-Easter breakfast at Stirling City Community Hall recently. Out-of-town guests....Mrs Beryl Orner...Preparing and serving the meal were....Mrs Reuben Box..."

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3) "Matron Honored at Stork Shower by Friends Here - "Mrs Keith Henry of Redding was honored with a stork shower....Co-hostesses were Mrs Clifford Henry and Mrs Beryl Orner....Attending were....Mrs Reuben Box ..."

1960's - According to several voter registration sheets in Aunt Anita's scrapbooks she was a Republican and Uncle Reuben was a Democrat.

1961 - 21 Aug - Aunt Anita's book has a postcard from Alice & Ken:

"... arrived home safely last night after our nice trip. Saw Aunt Ora and Uncle Nick, Ben and family Saturday and Daddy decided to stay all night after all...We had breakfast at 6:30 yesterday morning with Aunt Ora and Uncle Nick and hit the road at 8:00. We had a delicious barbecued chicken lunch at Lynette's camp, then sat on the hillside and listened to the concert, (accompanied by Daddy's gentle snoring). Thank you again, and I'll write when I get home. Love, Alice. PS The fish travelled fine and will be in LA tomorrow." Aunt Anita frequently sent frozen trout or venison home with us for a special treat....along with her superb sweet pickles.

1965 -21 Feb - Undated Chico Enterprise-Record newspaper clipping with caption under the picture at top:

"FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE - Mr and Mrs Reuben Box of Stirling City marked their golden wedding anniversary with a celebration in Goodfellows Hall, Stirling City, Sunday. Some 150 friends and relatives attended...

"Mr and Mrs Reuben Box, long-time residents of this community were joined by more than 150 friends and relatives last Sunday in a festive celebration of the couple's golden wedding anniversary.

"The anniversary marks the second golden wedding event held here in the history of this community.

"Open house was held in honor of the couple at Goodfellows Hall from 1 to 5 PM. Decorations carried out the anniversary theme in floral arrangements used with a gold lace tablecloth covering the large buffet table. Gold candles and a three-tiered decorated wedding cake centered the table.

"In addition to gifts from scores of friends and relatives, Mr and Mrs Box received hundreds of congratulatory cards and messages, and a special gold decorated money tree from some of their life-long friends.

"Reuben Box served as a United States forest ranger from 1910 through 1945, in Trinity, Shasta, Klamath and Lassen forests. He retired from the USFS after 32 years. Following his retirement he was employed as a fire patrolman for Diamond Match Co in the Stirling City area until 1955.

"In 1915, he took as his bride, Anita Anderline, of Lewiston, Trinity County. The couple have two children, a daughter, Mrs Beryl Orner of Chico, formerly of Stirling City, and Major Norman Box, currently stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

"Two of the attendants now living, who were part of the original wedding party for the couple in 1915 were here to fete them on their 50th anniversary. They are Joseph Anderline of San Jose, a brother of Mrs Box; and her sister, Mrs Eneth Miller of Red Bluff.

"The honored couple have several grandchildren, Wayne Orner of El Centro; Charlotte Holtan and Rhoda Seevers, both of Chino; Harold and Thomas Orner of Chico; Christine Box of San Jose and Andrew Box, in Germany with his parents.

"They also have four great-grandchildren, Brett and Curtis Holtan and Rhonda and Todd Seevers, all of Chino.

"Guests attended from Burney, Redding, Red Bluff, Chico, Hat Creek, Sacramento, San Jose, San Mateo, Hollywood, Chino, El Centro, Fresno, Paradise and Stirling City.

"Later Sunday evening, a family reunion and dinner was held at Goodfellows Hall

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 with 50 persons present."

1969 - 21 - 27 Jun trip with Addie and Alice to Lake Tahoe recorded in her little diary for the year: "...to Lake Tahoe...went to show at Harrod's....drove all the way around lake...boat ride on lake...train ride...another show...lookout tower...Angora Lake....play Bingo..home via Truckee.." This little diary also records many family visits, dates she finished crocheting lace for certain people, canning fruit and pickles (she made the best sweet pickles in the entire world...and always saved out a few jars for me to bring home every summer), when hunting and fishing season opened, marked when I left on my Southeast Asia trip in Nov, her many club meetings and family gatherings.

1969 - 14 Aug napkin from Emil Villa's The Original Hick'ry Pit in her scrapbook notes that she, Beryl and my mother, Addie Box, had dinner out in Walnut Creek that night. Sometime during the visit they went to Mission San Jose, probably when they all went to my brother Allen's home in Fremont.

1971 - June - Aunt Anita's 1970-71 scrapbook has pictures and mementos of her trip with Addie and Alice through Lassen National Park, to Hat Creek to visit old friends and familiar places, to Burney Falls and the surrounding area. The snow in Lassen was still about 8' deep along the road, so there are several pictures of Aunt Anita and I having a snowball fight.

1972 - 12 May letter from Aunt Anita to Alice & Glen: "Believe it or not I am finally writing you. I put off so many days to write letters....I came home two weeks ago...I went to Redding to Herbert & Alberta Caton's for 10 days...They took me for a ride every day. Went to Weaverville one day. Another day to Trinity Center. It's a different town now since we lived there. And since the big lake was built. Went to French Gulch and Montgomery Creek, too. Visited people I hadn't seen in years. So I have a lot to think about now.

"Went by the ranch place my folks had at Lewiston...All places have changed. I have been expecting Christine & children up, but had a letter from her & she hasn't been well & goes to Dr. Ted went back to England two weeks ago. And she will go late in June. She is at Norman's.

"I hope you both had a good trip to New York.

"Beryl and I went to Fresno for Easter weekend. Charlotte & family live there now. On our way back we stopped at Stockton & visited Elma (Box) Clemens & husband for a couple of hours. He isn't very well and doesn't work any more.

"I was at Red Bluff a week before going to Redding. Eneth is quite well now & able to be alone....Garden plowed up and planted...

"Our club met last Tuesday & it was at the antique place where we went when you were here. At the old hotel. That lady joined our club & we had luncheon there.

"...hope this finds you both well & enjoying a good time. Hope you have a Happy Birthday. With love to both, Aunt Anita"

1972 - 14 Aug letter from Butte County County Clerk Clark A Nelson expresses appreciation for Aunt Anita's "many years of faithful service as an election officer: "CERTIFICATE OF AWARD For service during Primary and General Elections - By these presents be it known that in recognition of invaluable service rendered to the county of Butte as a member of Butte County Election Board, ANITA BOX, that all know of her loyal unselfish efforts in the interests of community well being and progress."

1973 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has the Oregon Shakespearean Festival

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Association's program for THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. She wrote at the top of the program: "Went to this in July with Addie & Alice - Ashland, Oregon" - just one of the many mementos she kept from the trips she, Mother and I took through the California and Oregon mountains each summer.

1988 - Aunt Anita belonged to the Rebekah Lodge, the women's auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. She moved to the Odd Fellows Home in Saratoga, CA in the early 1980's when she became disoriented and Beryl could no longer care for her in Chico. Aunt Anita is still living at the time of this writing: 93 years of age, looks wonderful, is always cheerful, but doesn't know any of us. (11 May 1988) (She died in 1989)

1989 - About a week before she died on Sunday, 12 Mar 1989, Aunt Anita suffered a stroke which left her semi-comatose. From all reports she died peacefully, and according to Mary Jean, the last one in the family to see her, she was always happy and pleased with the care at the home. Beryl elected not to come down to see her, but made all arrangements for the funeral in Chico on Friday, 16 Mar 1989. All of Beryl's children were there.

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Aunt Anita & her family 23 May 1982: 1 to r- gt-grandson Norman Louis, gt-granddaughter Anita Louise, Jan, grandson Andy, Anita, Fran, Beryl, Norman.

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1916 - Beryl Bernice BOX, b 27 Aug 1916, Trinity Center, Trinity Co, CA
Parents: Reuben Preston BOX & Anita Elsie ANDERLINI
m Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER, 9 Sep 1936, Reno, Washoe Co, NV

1916 - Aunt Anita's first scrapbook has a clipping listing all births, deaths marriages, in Trinity Co in 1916. "Aug 27, Reuben P Box, a daughter."

1916 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has birth announcement on the back of a postcard from Uncle Reuben in Trinity Center to Mrs N C Matzen, 3335 -19th St, San Francisco Cal., postmarked 29 Aug: "Dear Sister, Father and all, Anita and baby are fine. Will write you a letter soon telling all about it. Reuben."...and on the other side a sketch of a stork dropping a baby in a straw-lined basket on the roof of the house: "Just a line to let you know that a little daughter, 7-1/2#, has come to stay with us. Born Aug 27, 1916. Beryl Bernice Box."

1916 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has picture of Aunt Anita and Uncle Reuben sitting beside a cradle holding Beryl taken about 6 weeks after Beryl's birth. Aunt Ora wrote underneath: "Puzzled parents."

1917 - May - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has picture of Aunt Anita in a lovely flowered hat and white summer dress (tiny waistline!) holding Beryl, all in white with a crocheted bonnet, sitting on a pony. Aunt Anita wrote on the back "Beryl Bernice on a Shetland pony - 9 mos old."

1917 - 20 Sep postcard from Ora in Petaluma to Anita in Trinity Center: "...Would love to be with you all and see my only niece (so far). I know she is sweet - Lovingly. Ora."

1930's - Aunt Anita's scrapbook, several clippings include Beryl's name as attending Campfire Girls meetings, birthday parties and picnics in Stirling City. It was a socially active place and Beryl was very much involved.

1930's - At end of 30's scrapbook there is a membership card for Beryl from Bethel 82, order of Job's Daughters, Chico, CA

1931 - An article in the 20 Apr 1981 Chico paper with regard to the 50th anniversary of a Stirling City fire on 20 Apr 1931 - in Anita's book: "Beryl Box Orner was among those high school students eyeing the smoke from a classroom window. The 14-year-old felt certain her downtown home was on fire. Running the entire distance from school, she found her home, much to her relief, untouched by the flames.....The fire was possibly ignited by a cigarette tossed away."

1934 - Same as above: Program for Beryl's Chico High School Commencement Exercises, June Seventh, 1934, Chico State Teachers College Auditorium. Beryl Bernice Box, member of the largest class in the history of the school. Also included is a program for the 11th Annual "Older Girls Conference" of Northern California, Auspices YMCA, Richardson Springs, March 17-18, 1934 at which Beryl was evidently a delegate from Chico High School.

1936-7- Same source: Miscellaneous undated clippings circa 1936-37 refer to a Camp Fire Girls Slumber Party in their new hall where they stayed all night and cooked their breakfast the next morning - Beryl listed as Guardian of the group. Interesting to note that Nelda May Batham was also there - one of Norman's early girl friends. Another clipping includes Beryl's and Nelda May's names as attending the 15th birthday party of Isabel Roper

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at the Community Hall. Don and Ray Orner were also at this party. They had St Patrick Day decorations, and "dancing was the diversion of the evening."

1936 - Same source: announcement of Beryl's and Don's marriage in Carson City (Beryl had written Reno in her Family Record?) Nevada, September 9, 1936, the Rev. Harvey, Presbyterian minister, officiating. On same page of scrapbook, a clipping about a bridal shower for Beryl given by Miss Edith Vardanega at the Community Hall "where guests spent a social afternoon." There were evidently 40 guests there - an impressive list of names, many of them familiar to those of us who have spent time in Stirling City in the 'old days.'

1940's-50's - Beryl told us at the family reunion 4 July 1990 that she had done all kinds of things in her life, among which were: cooked in the restaurant in Stirling City; delivered a baby; worked with the sheriff; wrote the "Stirling City News" column in the paper; was a 4-H leader for 11 years. A versatile lady!

1947(?) - Aunt Anita's 1945-49 scrapbook: "STIRLING CITY PERSONALS - ...The 4-H Girls surprised their leader, Mrs Don Orner, with a novel stork shower Thursday evening. Instead of the usual baby gifts, the girls brought gifts for Mrs Orner, creams, lotions, nail polish, perfume, handkerchiefs, etc

abt 1948 - same source as above: Stirling City News section of paper tells of 1) 17-month-old Harold Orner's dogbites; 2) Mrs Donald Orner entertained at a dessert contract bridge party; 3) Mrs Roy Richie's contract bridge party attended by both Beryl and Aunt Anita.

1951 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has STIRLING CITY NEWS column with Beryl Orner by-line. Includes an item: "Mr and Mrs Andy Box have moved into Stirling City after spending the summer at Lyman Springs where he was fire patrolman for the Diamond Match Co.".....also "Mrs Frances Bailey entertained her bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home. Prizes were awarded Mrs Kitchen and Mrs Don Orner. Those attending were Mesdames.....Reuben Box, Don Orner and Andy Box."

1952 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook: Newspaper picture of "Mrs Don Orner surveys the family automobile after an hour or two of vigorous exercise with her 'Mexican bulldozer,' synonym for 'snow-shovel' in Stirling City." - shows Beryl standing in snow above her head after uncovering top of car and part of the hood.

1953 - Clipping shows Stirling City 4-H Club members who received Achievement pins. Caption says: ".... Beryl Orner, who received a 10-year pin."

1954 - Aunt Anita's 1954 scrapbook undated, unattributed clipping shows picture of Beryl over a 3-column article about a PTA Conference in Stirling City: Caption - "PTA CONFERENCE - Mrs Don Orner, Stirling City unit president, is pinning a corsage on Mrs Joseph Hook of Los Angeles, magazine editor and family life chairman of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers...."

1960 - Aunt Anita's 1960 scrapbook: 1) "STIRLING CITY-Average Daily Attendance 106 - Trustees: J B Ahart, 1948; Beryl B Orner, 1950; Raymond J Henry, 1949"

1961 - 15 Oct - Aunt Anita's 1961 scrapbook clipping: "Ray B Orners Feted on 50th Anniversary -.....Assisting in serving were Beryl Orner, Charlotte Orner,....Rhoda Orner.....Out of town guests were.....Mrs Beryl Orner, children Rhoda, Harold and Tommy, ...Mr and Mrs Bruce Holtan and Brett Holtan of El Centro." (Wayne was in the U S Army in Korea at the time)

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1962 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook clipping: "ORNER - Beryl B vs Ralph D. Final decree granted in Oroville, Feb. 26, 1962."

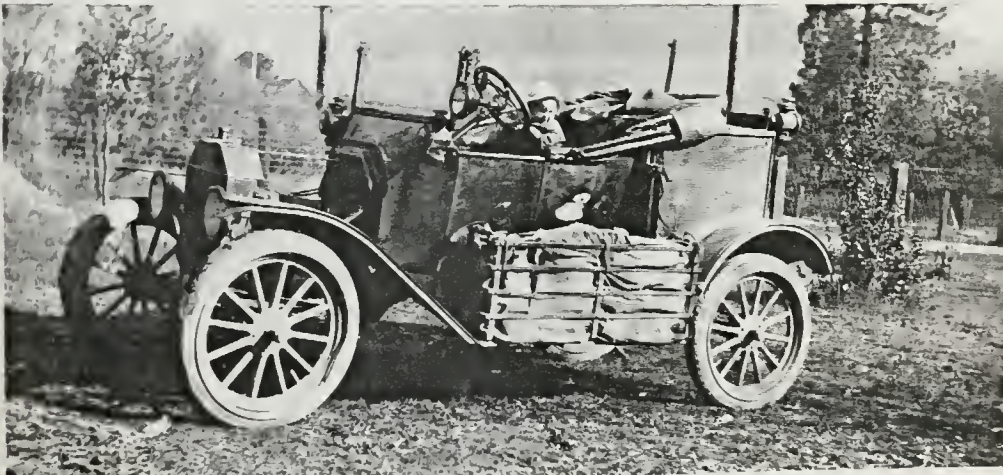
1988 - Beryl and Don were reconciled later and lived in Chico until Don's death on Saturday, 19 Mar 1988. His ashes were taken to Stirling City. The memory we all share of Don was that he always had a book in his hand when he took the time to sit down. He was an avid reader.

1991 - 2 May letter from Beryl: "....I'm busy planning the Stirling City Reunion again. It's more fun remembering all the people who lived in Sitling before 1960...over 700 - but we are losing so many each year. We are all getting on, but enjoy each other so much when we get together."

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Above: Tommy,
Wayne, Rhoda,
Beryl,
Charlotte,
Harold



Left: Beryl at
the wheel! -
abt 1918

Notes for Wayne Ralph ORNER-87

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1937 - Wayne Ralph ORNER b 24 Jul 1937, Stirling City, Butte Co, CA

Parents: Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER & Beryl Bernice BOX

m 1) Ravnell BILLINGS (div)

m 2) Vicky ELSNER, Jul 1976, Bountiful, Davis Co, UT

1937 - Per Aunt Anita's 1932-38 scrapbook (and Aunt Ora's scrapbook also):
Birth annct: "July 24-1937, 8-1/4 pounds, Ralph Wayne, Mr/Mrs Donald Orner."
Per Beryl, he is now Wayne Ralph, so changed order of given names.

1951 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook news clipping: "We got this deer story from Lois Henry, our Stirling City correspondent. Her 14 year-old nephew, Wayne Orner, was excitedly trying to take care of a three-point buck which he had just shot four times. His grandfather, Reuben Box, who had heard the shooting, came up and asked why he hadn't whistled for help. 'I tried to, grandpa,' replied the boy, 'but I just couldn't pucker.'"

1955 - Aunt Anita's 1955 scrapbook has both the program and announcement for Wayne's graduation from Chico Senior High School: "The Class of Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five Chico Senior High School Announces its Commencement Exercises Thursday evening June 9 at eight-thirty o'clock, College Field."

1958 - Undated clipping in Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook: Picture of two young men busily occupied on telephones, captioned: "CALLING ALL VOTERS - Jaycees Wayne Orner (left) and Bill Arnold, president, man telephones in Post and Press office Monday night in a telephone campaign to get out the voter..."

1961 - Wayne in U S Army in Korea at time of his Orner grandparents' 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday, 15 Oct 1961.

1963 - Aunt Anita's 1963 scrapbook has Wayne's business card glued to the inside front cover: "You're in good hands with Allstate Insurance -- WAYNE ORNER, Agent, Allstate Insurance Companies...El Centro, California"

1966 - Aunt Anita's 1966 scrapbook has Wayne's business card:
"E A AMBULANCE - "Land or Air" Wayne Orner, Paul Epfinger, Imperial, Calif."

1977 - Daughter Sheri born 26 Aug, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co, UT. Wayne adopted Vicky's son, Robert "Smokey" - born 19 Aug 1968.

1986 - Wayne moved to Las Vegas in 1986, still with Greyhound Bus, works charters for the most part.

1989 - When Greyhound Bus workers went on strike, Wayne joined the strikers. He and Vicky started a commerical cleaning company, KLEAN-RITE, and in January of 1991 when Beryl visited them, were doing quite well.

1990 - Holiday letter: "...Since Greyhound has gone down the tubes and we don't know when they will go back to work, Wayne has been working with our steam cleaning business day & night. It has really grown. It is at the point now that we either invest more money and buy more equipment or sell the whole thing..."
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1939 - Charlotte Adele ORNER b 10 Apr 1939, Stirling City, Butte Co, CA
Parents: Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER & Beryl Bernice BOX
m 1) Bruce Allen HOLTAN, 8 Nov 1958, Chico, Butte Co, CA (div)
m 2) James Loeffel, 1966 (div)
m 3) Ray DALY (div)

1938-40 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has birth announcement (also Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "Mr and Mrs Donald Orner Announce the Arrival of Charlotte Adele on April 10, 1939, Weight 8-1/4 lbs, Monday 1:50 AM")

1952 - Same source: copy of Stirling City School's newspaper, "Mountain Echoes" with two articles by Charlotte Orner: one about an Hawaiian program given at the school, and the other about a new band at the school.

1953 - Same source: picture and clipping from Paradise Enterprise-Record newspaper re Stirling City Elementary School students who presented the operetta, JEWELS OF ARABIA, during open house ceremonies. Charlotte Orner was one of the principals in the cast: she played "Lady Grady, just over from London."

1953 - Same source: clipping and pictures of Butte County school spelling champions, among whom is "Charlotte Orner, eighth grade, Stirling City School." One of the two articles says: "Charlotte Orner, 14, of Stirling City Elementary School, Paradise School District, was entered yesterday..."

1953 - Same source: program for Stirling City School's Graduation Exercises at the Community Hall, Stirling City, Friday Evening, June 5, 1953, listing Charlotte Adele Orner as a graduate. She is also listed as a participant in "Our America - Melting Pot of the Nations"..."

1957 - Graduation invitation and program "Chico Senior High School, Class of (1957) Announces its Commencement Exercises Thursday evening, June sixth (8:30PM) College Field" with attached engraved card: "Charlotte Adele Orner"

1958 - Two entire pages of Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook are filled with wedding shower mementos, her pressed corsage, the wedding invitation and 3 detailed newspaper clippings, two of them with pictures.
The invitation reads: "Mr and Mrs Donald Orner request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Charlotte Adele to Mr Bruce Henry Holtan on Saturday, the eighth of November (1958 8:30PM) - Trinity Methodist Church, Chico...Reception following ceremony, Trinity Methodist Church Hall."

One clipping with a lovely picture of Charlotte reads: "Daughter's Engagement Announced - The engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Adele, to Bruce Henry Holtan, is being announced by her parents, Mr and Mrs Donald Orner of 1931 Palm Avenue. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr and Mrs Raymond H Holtan, of Buffalo, N. Y. Miss Orner attended elementary school in Stirling City and was graduated from Chico High School. She attended Chico State College. While in high school she was a member of Girls' Athletic Association, Block "C" Society and Pep Club. She is now living at the home of her brother, Wayne Orner, of El Centro. She is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs R P Box of Stirling City, and Mrs and Mrs Ray B Orner of Paradise. Her fiance attended East Aurora High School, East Aurora, N. Y. and had served four years in the U. S Navy. He is employed as a patrol inspector by the U S Border Patrol at El Centro."

Other clippings indicate that Charlotte's sister, Rhoda, was her bridesmaid; her brothers Harold and Tom lit the candles; her brother Wayne was Best Man.

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During the ceremony Charlotte wore the wedding ring of her great grandmother and her grandmother, Mrs Ray Orner of Paradise, and carried a handkerchief made of Huntoon lace by Mrs Martha Ballard of Paradise, made prior to 1894. Out-of-town guests included: Mr and Mrs R P Box of Stirling City; Mrs N C Matzen and Mrs Ben Matzen of Napa; Mr and Mrs Andy Box of Irvington.

1960 - Brett Alan HOLTAN born 21 May, El Centro, Imperial Co, CA
1961 - Curtis Wayne HOLTAN born 6 Dec 1961, El Centro, Imperial Co, CA
1967 - Stacey Dyan LOEFFEL born 23 Sep, Bakersfield, Kern Co, CA (Stacey lives in San Diego in 1991, has LVN, and RN in progress)

All three of Charlotte's husbands were her brother Wayne's roommates. She told Wayne if he ever introduced her to another roommate she'd kick him!

1980 - per Beryl 12-23 in Xmas note: "Charlotte living in Chico now, divorced from her last husband..."

1991 - Charlotte now lives in Clovis, CA and works in a bank in Fresno.
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Notes for Rhoda Bernice ORNER-89

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1943 - Rhoda Bernice ORNER b 6 Oct 1943, Chico, Butte Co, CA
Parents: Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER & Beryl Bernice BOX
m 1) Charles "Chuck" Dean SEEVERS 4 Nov 1961, Chico, Butte Co, CA (div)
m 2) Patrick ARNOLD

1947 (?) - Aunt Anita's scrapbook 1945-49: "Stirling City Girl is Found 'Well Informed' STIRLING CITY-AP - Rhoda Orner's father is quite a hunter. And the three-year-old listens attentively to his tales from the woods. At Sunday School one day the teacher asked the children if they could name any of the four seasons. Rhoda volunteered: 'The deer season.'"

1949 -50 - Same source: 1st Grader Rhoda's letter to her Grandma in painstakingly careful large print: "Dear Grandma - I am not in school as I have a bad cold. The sun is shining. But we still have snow. Harold is up to Lois. Mama is washing. Daddy is working. I sure like my new blouse. Thank you for the Valentines...Love, Rhoda"

1961 - Graduation program: "Chico Senior High School Graduation Exercises, 1961, College Field...June 8 1961, (8:30PM) " Rhoda Bernice Orner, graduate.

1961 - Same source, wedding invitation: "Mrs Beryl B Orner requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Rhoda Bernice to Mr Charles Dean Seevers on Saturday, the (4th) of November, (8PM) Trinity Methodist Church, Chico...Reception immediately following the ceremony" The same page has a napkin printed in silver with "Chuck and Rhoda, Nov 4, 1961"

1961 - Same source: Chico Enterprise-Record, 18 Dec clipping:
"Rhoda Bernice Orner, Charles Seevers Speak Vows in Trinity Methodist Rites - Rhoda Bernice Orner and Charles Dean Seevers were united in an evening ceremony at the Trinity Methodist Church recently. They are presently living in San Diego where Seevers is serving in the U S Navy aboard the USS Sea Fox...
"Miss Orner was given in marriage by her grandfather, Reuben P Box ...
"Serving the cake was Mrs Reuben P Box, grandmother of the bride, while Mrs Ray B Orner, her other grandmother, served punch... The bride graduated from Chico High School in 1961 In high school she was active in Girls Athletic Association and Pages. Until her wedding she was employed by Mason Chevrolet Co.

1963 - Rhonda Denise SEEVERS born 15 Jan

1965 - Todd Preston SEEVERS born 30 Dec
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1987 - Up until 1987 Harold and Reta lived in Stirling City,, next door to Aunt Anita's home. Their house was a huge white frame house

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on the main street with a large yard. Beryl told me in early 1988 that they were trying to sell the house and had moved. Harold worked for PG&E while in Stirling City, and was the Fire Chief.

1989 - 15 June, Beryl told me that Reta had been accepted at a special school in Alameda, CA, the California School of Professional Psychology, to complete her Ph.D. in Child Psychology. Harold and the 5 children will remain in Chico, and they have worked out all the schedules. Work still in progress, 1991.
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1948 - Thomas Ray "Tommie" ORNER b 3 Aug 1948, Chico, Butte Co, CA
 Parents: Ralph Donald "Don" ORNER & Beryl Bernice BOX
 m Doreen Eugenia POOLE, 24 Jan 1970, Carson City, Ormsby Co, NV

1963 - 6 Jun, Bidwell Jr High School, Chico, Promotional Exercises list both Tommy and Doreen as graduates. (Per Aunt Anita's 1963 scrapbook)

1966 - Same source: graduation program: "Chico Senior High School Graduation Exercises, 1966, College Field, Thursday Evening, June 9, 1966 8 PM" lists Thomas Ray Orner and Doreen Eugenia Poole as graduates.

1967 - Entered the U S Army

1968 - Same source clipping: "Tom Orner is at Fort Polk, La." (in uniform)

1969 - Received discharge from the U S Army with rank of Sergeant. Tommy received both the Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He served in Vietnam.

1970 - Same source: Announcement:

"Saturday, January 24, 1970 - Carson City, Nevada - Mr and Mrs David F Poole announce the marriage of their daughter, Doreen Eugenia to Mr Thomas Ray Orner. Reception Saturday, February 14 8PM, Chico Women's Club"

1970 - 14 Feb - Same source clipping and photo with caption:

"CHICO COUPLE - Newly married Mr and Mrs Tommy Orner were feted at a reception in the Chico Women's Clubhouse on Valentine's Day by friends and relatives. The couple was married Jan 24 in Carson City, Nev. The bride is the former Doreen Poole, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dave Poole of Douglas Lane. Her husband is the son of Mrs Beryl Orner of Chico and Ralph Orner of Reno, Nev." (NOTE: A very lengthy article with full fashion descriptions follow...excerpts therefrom: "Given in marriage by her father... The bridegroom chose his brother, Harold, as best man. "After a honeymoon trip to Reno and vicinity, the newlyweds are at home in Antioch. ...The new Mrs Orner was graduated from Chico High School in 1966 and attended Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, and Yuba College, Marysville. She has been a member of Girls Athletic Association and Bethel 326 International Order of Job's Daughters.... "Her husband was graduated from CHS in 1966 and entered the U S Army in 1967. He served one year in Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant in April 1969. Orner is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co in Concord...."

1975 - Michael Wayne b 10 Sep (adopted) 1977 - Travis b 15 Aug
 1981 - Meagan b 7 Jan

1987-1991 - Tommie and Doreen lived in Lakeview, Oregon until either 1990 or 1991, when Beryl said they would move near Alturas, CA. Tommie works for Oregon Power - like PG&E in CA.

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1918 - Norman Laverne BOX b 6 July 1918, Trinity Center, Trinity Co, CA
 Parents: Reuben Preston BOX & Anita Elsie ANDERLINI
 m 4 Apr 1945 Frances Emily "Fran" LAVELLE, Las Vegas, Clark Co, NV
 d 31 Mar 1988, Fair Oaks, Sacramento Co, CA

1918 - Aunt Ora's book birth card: Sketch of a stork ready to drop the baby into a cradle on the cover - "Mr and Mrs R P Box Announce the birth of a son on July 6 Nineteen hundred and 18, Weight 8-1/2#"

1918 -Per Aunt Anita's first scrapbook, undated clipping: "A BOX - Born, in Trinity Center, July 6, 1918, to Mr and Mrs Reuben H (sic) Box, a son."

1933 - Same source clipping: "'Aaron Slick of Punkin Crick,' three-act play... The cast was as follows:.....Norman Box, Clarence Green, a waiter." Same page:"The pupils of the (6, 7, 8) grades had a picnic at Feather River Thursday... Those attending were.....Norman Box.....Mrs R P Box."

1935 - In Aunt Anita's 30's scrapbook, program for Commencement Exercises, Chico High School, 1935, at Chico State Teachers College Auditorium, Thursday Evening, June 6 lists Norman L Box as a graduate.

1936 - 23 Feb letter from Reuben to his sister Ora:
 "My boy decided to quit college and join the Navy and try to learn a trade. I have signed his papers, so if they call him he is ready to go."

1937 - Same source: "Norman Box, High and low hurdler who turned in an exceptional performance in the college freshman meet, taking second to Wray." Same source again: 3 small, undated clippings:

- 1)"Mrs R P Box and daughter, Miss Beryl Box... to Vallejo where they met Mrs Box' son, Norman, who was at Mare Island for Navy Day."
- 2)"Norman Box...stationed at Mare Island, came home this week and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Reuben Box."
- 3)"Norman Box was a visitor in Chico Wednesday."

1941 - 24 May - Same source: postcard showing picture of the Matson Liner MARIPOSA: "Dear Mother, I thought you would like a picture of the ship, so here it is. Writing a letter also. Love, Norman" The above confirms when Norman went to Midway. We had always heard that he left Midway Island just prior to Pearl Harbor Day, 7 Dec 1941, for Honolulu to have some dental work done. I believe he was at sea the day of the attack, continued on to Honolulu and stayed there to help clean up the mess. He once said he felt somewhat guilty making so much money running earth-moving equipment when the GI's were making only \$21/month.

1942-44 scrapbook: "NORMAN BOX SAFE IN HONOLULU - Mr and Mrs Reuben Box have received word from their son, Norman, stating that he is safe in Honolulu. Young Box had been stationed for some time at Midway Island."

1942-44 scrapbook - undated clipping: "BOYS IN THE SERVICE - Norman Box, civilian worker at Midway Island and former Chico high school student, arrived in San Francisco last night from Hawaii and will visit with a sister at Stirling City and his parents, Mr and Mrs Reuben Box of Hat Creek, California. Box was evacuated from Midway two days before the attack on Pearl Harbor."

1942 - 30 May letter from Norman at Oxnard for flight training to Anita and Reuben: "Dearest Dad and Mother, I have been sort of expecting a letter from

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you, Dad, now that I have been actually flying. Usually when I endeavor some strange event you always write me your opinion of the matter. Of all the things I have done, this is the biggest and greatest and most serious event of all. It is really something to be an honest to goodness airman. It is a different world all together and I can readily see why a person will stay with it all of his life if he starts. I am getting along swell so far, of course I haven't got into it very deep as yet. We have had stalls, power on and power off, turns and banks and of course landing and takeoffs. It is really packed with thrills... "I suppose that you are awful busy now that summer is almost here. Write all and let me know how everything is going with you folks. Are you planning a big 4th again this year or can't some of your friends come since gas rationing... "Let me hear from you folks soon and I will have to quit for this time. Always Yours, Your Flying Son, Norman."

1943 - Feb - Note in a Valentine to Aunt Anita: "Dear Folks, Don't have much time, but a note may be ok. We're getting classified and they sure have some of the damndest tests you ever heard of. It's getting rough, but I sure like it swell so far. I hope I can make pilot, but it's certainly not decided yet what I will become if anything at all. Let's hope so. Love, Your Son, Norman."

1943-"Aviation Cadet Norman L Box..has graduated from primary flying school at the Seventh Army Air Forces flying training detachment, Oxnard, CA. He is now at Lemoore for basic flying instruction. "While training at (Oxnard) Cadet Box received the gold star merit award and was first sergeant of his squadron."

1943 - "NORMAN BOX GETS ARMY COMMISSION - Norman Laverne Box, son of Mr and Mrs Reuben P Box of Hat Creek, has successfully completed the Army Air Force Advanced Flying School training at Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, and has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, it was learned here today. Lt Box is a former student of Chico High School, Chico, CA."

1944 - Jan - "MR AND MRS RUBEN (sic) BOX VISIT SON IN OAKLAND - "Mr and Mrs Box met their son, Norman, at the home of Andrew Box in Oakland and had a 10-day visit there. Norman recently graduated from Williams Field, Arizona where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps."

1944 - Petaluma or Napa clipping: "NORMAN BOX - 2nd Lt Norman Box of Shasta county, a descendant of the pioneer Box family of Glen Ellen, visited recently with his aunt, Mrs Nick Matzen. He is leaving soon for duty overseas."

1944 - "HAT CREEK P38 PILOT SEES ACTION IN FRANCE...An 8th AAF Fighter Station (England), July 14 - Second Lieutenant Norman L Box, 25, of Hat Creek, Calif., is seeing action as a P38 fighter pilot with the Lightning Group led by Colonel Roy W Osborn, San Antonio, Tex. He escorts US heavy bombers on strategic missions, strafes and dive bombs enemy ground targets and patrols areas in protection of invasion troops in France. "He served as an aircraft mechanic, third class, with the navy from May, 1936 to June, 1939. In July, 1942, he entered the army air forces and began flying training..."

1944 - Same page, undated: "LT NORMAN L BOX GETS AIR MEDAL - An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England - Second Lt Norman L Box, of Hat Creek, CA, P-51 Mustang fighter pilot, has been awarded the Air Medal 'for exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied continental Europe.'... "A former student at Chico High School and Chico State College, Lt Box was a shovel and crane operator for the Stockton Fire Brick Co in Pittsburg, CA and the Pacific Air Base Contractors on Midway Island..."

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1944 - Same page again, no year: "HAT CREEK P51 PILOT DOWNS NAZI FIGHTER - An 8th Air Force Fighter Station (England) Dec 25 - First Lt Norman L Box, of Hat Creek, CA P-51 Mustang pilot in the 364th Fighter Group, shared in the destruction of a Focke Wulf 190 and damaged another on a recent bomber escort mission over the heart of Germany.

"My wing man spotted one FW190 behind us flying in a different direction and went after him while I covered," Lt Box said. "I saw him get strikes on the enemy plane and break away. Then I closed in and fired a short burst which sent the FW190 crashing into a hill."

"Later we saw two FW190's directly above us so we pulled up behind them. One Jerry went into some low clouds and I shot at the other. I was scoring strikes when my wing man called the that first FW190 was closing in on me, so I had to break off combat.'...

NOTE: On the same page as the above clippings is a patch and a pair of bars pasted in - probably sent or given to Aunt Anita by Norman.

1944 - 10 Nov - SACRAMENTO BEE, column titled IN THE SERVICE, under PROMOTED: "Norman L Box, mustang fighter pilot, second lieutenant to first lieutenant"

1944 - (Same page - undated): "Norman L Box... from first lieutenant to captain with a P51 Mustang fighter group in England. Captain Box is a flight leader."

1945 - 6 Jan - V-Mail letter from Norman to his parents: "Dearest Mother & Dad - I'm taking this evening writing so you are always included on my list. I guess you saw that I'm a Captain now as it came through several days ago. I'm really glad to get it because from here on promotions will be rather slow. Especially in the states and that is where I'll be after thirty-nine more hours. This shouldn't take very long. Got lots of mail today. Thank Marian for the card and note and of course joke. Had a letter from Aunt Bessie, Ben, Box family, Dorothy... flying when I can. Be home soon, I think. Love, Norman"

1945 - 1 Jan - Western Union Cable from Norman to his parents from "Sansorigine" (literally "without origin" in French) "Disregard any message received safe and well up to January Happy New Year Love - Norman Box"

1945 - 31 Jan - V-Mail letter from Norman to his parents explaining 1 Jan Cable above: "Dearest Mother & Dad, Just in case you got my wire and didn't understand what it was all about I shall tell you. I wrote to you from France, but I'm back again now to my own field. I was weathered in over there for five days and was reported missing in action. I sent the wire as soon as I got back. They had sent a wire to you but they may have stopped it in time so you wouldn't have known what was going on. Anyway I'm safe and sound and have been flying. I have only forty-four more hours to go and I'll be through. By the time you get this letter I will be Captain Box. I'm pretty thrilled about it.. Our group here led the whole air force for planes destroyed this last month. Shot down over 107, not bad for kids. Sure will be glad to finish so I can come home and get some milk and other things that I miss..All my love, Norman"

1945 - 25 Mar - (no point of origination - just says "BIB Military"):
"Back in states prepare to meet me in Marysville about April 1-2 if possible I will call you or Beryl at Stirling everything fine love - Norman"

1945 - 27 Mar - from Chicago, Ill via Burney to Hat Creek:
"In Chicago. Arrive Marysville early Saturday morning. Try to meet me if

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possible at Camp Beale main gate. I shall check for you. Love. Norman.

1945 - Clipping, (bursting with an uncle's pride!) Oakland Tribune, no date: "HERO TO WED DURING STAY IN U.S. - Coming nuptials of Capt Norman Box, U S Army Air Force hero, and Miss Frances Leonard, 21, were announced today by Andrew J Box, Oakland police inspector and uncle of the groom. "Captain Box, whose home is in Stirling City, is well-known here. A veteran of 66 missions over Germany and countries formerly occupied by the Nazis, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six Clusters, three Stars for European operations and the Presidential Citation for destruction of German aircraft in combat. He is a member of Gen James Doolittle's Eighth Air Force. "Captain Box is now back in the United States for three weeks for reassignment, rest and recuperation, and the wedding will probably take place in Hollywood, the bride's home, as soon as the groom arrives there, Inspector Box said."

1945 - 4 Apr - Western Union Telegram to Mr/Mrs Reuben Box from Las Vegas, NV: "Married April 4th seven pm see you next week love. Captain and Mrs L N Box"

1945 - 25 Apr letter from Alice to Aunt Ora - excerpts re Norman & Fran: "...You may have heard by now that we had a real family reunion last weekend. Norm and Fran got here about three...and we all went out to dinner and then to a show. Well, when we got home from the show, who should come to the door but Allen.....Norman and Fran left about eleven Sunday morning for Santa Monica, where they will be for about three weeks, I guess. I hope to see them, too, while I am down there. Having Norm and Allen both home in the same weekend was really something to celebrate. Norman is more like a brother in our family than a cousin. He thinks he will be back up here after his rest down South, so we may be seeing more of him. He didn't exactly succeed in convincing Fran that Weaverville...or the mountains in general...is the place to live 'and be happy ever after.'....."

1945 - 22 Nov - "STIRLING CITY BOYS IN THE SERVICE - Captain Norman L Box, was discharged from the army last week at McClellan Field and was accepted in the Army Reserve five minutes after he received his papers...." "Prior to this he flew P-51 Mustangs and P-38 Lightnings in combat, piling up 66 missions to his credit, while earning his decorations, the distinguished flying cross, presidential group citation and the air medal with five clusters.. "He was assigned to the Chico Army Air Field as a flight leader after returning from overseas and was sent hither, thither and yonder since V-J day. "Norman and his wife will reside in the bay area where he is making plans to establish a private business."

abt 1946 - Aunt Anita's 1945-49 scrapbook, business card for Norman: "BOX AND LAMBERT, Excavators - Norman L Box, George Lambert, partners - Equipment for Hire, Cat, D-6, Dump Trucks - Bull Dozer work, Lot leveling, Road Building, General Excavation Work - ...Oakland 2, Calif."

1946 - 3 Jan - Cooea Christine Box born in Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA

1948 - 17 Aug - Andrew Norman Box, born 17 Aug 1948

1952 - Excerpt from Aunt Anita's travel journal: "4 Mar - Arrived at Norman's at Nellis Air Base...5 Mar - Wrote Rhoda and Beryl. Reuben went with Norman to watch flying saber jets. Went into Las Vegas in eve...6 Mar - At Norman's. Frances & I Went into Las Vegas in afternoon...7 Mar - Left Nellis 10:20...Left Boulder Dam 2:15..."

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1952 - 8 Sep clipping with great picture of Norman in full flying gear: "ESCAPES DEATH IN AIR COLLISION - Capt Norman L Box of North Hollywood is shown beside his jet fighter before it was involved in a mid-air collision with a damaged MIG over Korea. Capt Box rode his damaged plane to a landing, but the MIG pilot, victim of Capt Box, crashed with shot-up plane. Capt Box downed one MIG the day before the collision occurred."

(NOTE: There are 7 other clippings, quite detailed in their narrative, about the above incident. I will include only one here.)

"N H PILOT RAMMED, BAGS MIG - A North Hollywood Sabre jet pilot, Capt Norman L Box, crippled a Communist MIG-15 in a hot Korean air battle and related today how he narrowly missed being downed when the pilot of the damaged fighter swerved into a mid-air collision.

"Capt Box told an Associated Press correspondent at his Korea air base that the 'dying plane veered sharply upward, bumped the American fighter and then spun to the ground.' A check of the gun camera film confirmed that Box also shot down a MIG the day before....Flies Damaged Plane - The pilot of the Sabre turned his plane south for his home base after the crash, fighting the damaged controls all the way. The impact had torn an eight-inch hole in the fuselage and ripped off the nose-gear door. ...'With some minor repair work,' Box said, 'I knew my plane would fly again. I also knew that the MIG wouldn't.' "I spotted two MIGs turning and cut them off. Closing on the one on the right, I opened fire and hit him in the rear of the fuselage. "The MIG started to smoke and tried evasive action.... Red Comes Out of Spin - 'I fired again and the MIG snapped over. He started to spin down and I went after him. I closed within just a few feet, ready to fire another burst, when the MIG suddenly pulled up...' I yanked back on the stick, but the MIG scraped the bottom of my plane. 'Then he spun into the ground.' Just the day before... when 13 MIGs were destroyed by Allied pilots in a series of fights in MIG Alley, Box had claimed the destruction of another Communist plane."

1953? - Picture of Norman at top of article in Air Force uniform.

"STIRLING CITY FLIER COMPLETES MISSION NO 16 OVER KOREA - Stirling City - Mr and Mrs Reuben Box of Stirling City have received word that their son, Capt Norman Box, has completed his 16th mission over Korea. Box, who is with the Fifth Air Force, is flight commander of the F-86 Sabrejet planes in his group.. ..."Box joined the air force again in 1951, and took his jet plane training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz and Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. He went over to Korea in May of this year and last month during a raid was credited for a heavy damage claim.

"Box's wife, Frances, and two children, Christy, 6 and Andy, 4, are living in North Hollywood but now are enjoying a visit with Box's parents."

1953? - Undated clipping, obviously from the Oakland Tribune with picture of Norman in his Oakland Police Department uniform:"OAKLAND FLIER GETS TWO MIGS - A former Oakland policeman, now a captain in the Air Force flying a jet fighter over Korea yesterday, was credited with knocking out two Russian-built MIGs within two days...He is Capt Norman L Box, 33...who in a Sabre-jet fighter was one of the pilots bagging a total of 14 MIGs yesterday to set a new unofficial record for a single day's aerial fighting, the Associated Press reported.Box, formerly of the Air National Guard and a World War II fighter pilot, was recalled to active duty and left for Korea May 10. "He was attached to the Police Department's juvenile division in Oakland, and has an uncle, Andrew H Box, who is a retired Oakland police inspector.... "In addition to downing the two MIGs, Box is credited with damaging one in an aerial dog fight last June 26."

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1953? - Same page as above, picture of Norman with the caption:
 "Capt Norman L Box (left) of Oakland, checks with S/Sgt J H Standford,
 of Oakland, a member of his ground crew, prior to taking off on a flight at
 the Santa Rosa encampment. Both are members of the 194th Fighter Squadron."

1953 - "OAKLAND EX-COP WHO BAGGED 3 MIGs IN KOREA RETURNS HOME - A former
 Oakland policeman who bagged three MIG jets in Korea last year returned to
 Oakland for a brief visit today....He is Capt Norman Box, 34, holder of four
 Distinguished Flying Crosses and nine air medals...Now on rotation leave,
 Captain Box will spend a few days here with his wife and children before
 reporting for instructor's duty at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev.
 "Box shot down his three enemy planes in 'MIG Alley' in Northern Korea. On the
 occasion of his last kill the enemy jet rammed his forward undercarriage,
 tearing off the door for his landing gear, destroying his hydraulic system and
 knocking an 18-inch hole in the fuselage. Box had to use his emergency system
 to land.

"He received three of his DFC's in the Korean war and four of the air medals.
 The other decorations were earned over Germany during World War II when he
 flew P-38's and P-51's out of England. In this war he flew Sabrejets."

1953? - Same page as above, undated, but appears to be Oakland Police
 Department Retiree's newsletter: "Brother Andy Box, retired Oakland Police
 Inspector, is a proud and happy uncle these days. His nephew, Captain Norman
 Box, an Oakland police officer on military leave, is back in Oakland from Korea
 where he shot down three MIG jets. Norman holds 13 military awards for
 flying."

1953 - 8 Aug letter from Norman in Big Delta, Alaska to his parents.
 I think this was when he was up there for 'survival training.'

"Dearest Mother & Dad - I received your letter yesterday and it was good to
 hear from you....We have been having quite a busy time up here and I've sure
 enjoyed every minute of it. I think a lot of this country, however, it's
 summer and I'm not sure about the winter time.

"We took a trip down the Tanana River about eighty miles in the river boats and
 had quite a time. An experience I won't forget for a long time. The river was
 high and we almost lost some men and did lose two boats in log jams, etc. The
 boats were the same as the natives use. Dad probably knows what they are.
 30 feet long and carry about 10 men and their equipment.

"Last weekend a bunch of us went to the Langle Lakes and fished and I have
 never seen such fishing, mostly grayling in the streams, but they sure do bite,
 and fight almost as much as trout. Most of them were about 13 to 16 inches
 long. We plan on going back tomorrow afternoon and staying until Sunday. They
 are wonderful eating... This time I'm going to try for some lake trout.

"I have been all over the area around here as we travel across country in
 otters and weasels, which are like tanks and can go anywhere across mushey
 area, water, brush and even knocked over trees.

"This next week we go...for our mountain climbing course where we will climb
 some rugged mountains, glaciers and the roughest terrain they can find.

"They give us good equipment and have good instructors so we will be safe...

"We are to leave here about the 21st for home, and we will be out in the field
 most of the time till then, so I may not get a chance to write again. However,
 you can write and I'll get it.....I plan on going straight home as Fran will
 be back in Las Vegas by that time. I have seen some moose and nearly all the
 animals up here except Bear & Caribou. Lots of beaver...Wouldn't mind living up
 here for a while anyway....Lots of love from your son, Norman."

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1960 - 5 May - Aunt Anita's 1960 scrapbook has an Interstate Co Airport paper placemat with a pencilled note: "Norman Box family flew to NY by Jet 707 May 5 1960." This was when Norman was named Military Attach to the American Ambassador in Brussels, Belgium. Ken and I visited them a few short months later when they had just settled into their lovely new home.

1960 or 61 - Aunt Anita's 1960-61 scrapbook postcard from Norman, Fran & Andy in Madrid: "Sun, 23 Jul - Dear Folks, Joined Fran last week in Costa Brava. Weather hot and sunny. Having a good trip, Barcelona, Valencia, now in Madrid for a few days. Will arrive home about the 28th. Spain has a lot of beautiful things, and culture, however quite backward in the rural areas. Roads are nothing to brag about. Few people speak English but we make out. Andy is a real good traveler. Chris should be back from her trip in Denmark. All are well and suntanned. Hope you're well. More later. Love, Andy, Norman & Fran."

1963 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has clipping dated Friday, January 4, 1963, with prominent headline: HAMILTON WINS 'REX RILEY' AWARD; picture shows Major Norman Box, Base Operations Officer, and two military colleagues receiving the Rex Riley Award for outstanding safety in maintenance work from Col. William S Harrell, base commander. The article further details the criteria for the award and commends Norman and his colleagues for an outstanding job.

1964 - 9 Apr - Norman was still stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base when my father, Andy Box, died. After we all attended my father's graveside services in San Bruno, and Aunt Ora's funeral in Petaluma, Fran and Norman had a family get-together and dinner at their home on the base.

1965 - Major Norman L Box stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

1975 - Aunt Anita's 1974/5 scrapbook invitation:

"1945 - 1975 Surprise - In honour of the Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Norman Laverne Box, their son and daughter request the pleasure of your company for Brunch on Sunday, the sixth of April at twelve-thirty o'clock, 8509 Annette Engel Way, Fair Oaks, California. Keep the secret - RSVP, Chris Cole"

1977 - After working for ten years, Norman retired from Aetna Insurance Co.

1977 -1988 - Norman remained active after his two retirements, working as a self-employed safety consultant and real estate appraiser.

1982 - 23 May - Invitation to "Box Family Reunion, Sunday, May 23, 1982, -11AM- Norman & Fran Box....Please extend this invitation to members of your family. Just let us know how many to expect. We plan to have hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beer & Soft Drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert or whatever? Swimming if desired with ?weather? - RSVP by May 15 - Please bring any scrapbooks, pictures or family memories to share.

1988 - Sacramento Bee Obituary, Sunday 3 April 1988 (Easter Sunday): "BOX, NORMAN L., U.S.A.F. RET. - Major Norman L Box, 69, died suddenly at his home on Thursday, March 31st. An open house for family and friends will be held at the family residence on Monday, April 4th from 2 to 7 PM.

"Major Box, a California native, attended Chico State College and the University of Southern California. He joined the Navy and served on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Langley. He was a pilot with the 8th Air Force during WWII and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. Serving overseas in

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both Korea and Europe, Major Box was an ace pilot, having shot down 5 enemy aircraft. He retired in 1967 after nearly 30 years of service to his country. After retirement Major Box worked for 10 years and retired from Aetna Insurance Company, since then he has been self-employed as a real estate appraiser and safety consultant.

"Major Box was a very active member of the community. He was a member of the Petaluma Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 180 F & A M. He was also active in the 364th Fighter Group Association, F-86 Sabre Pilots Association, Covered Wagon Association, Comstock Club, Gleaners, Retired Officers Association, and the Societe de Camaraderie, Oakland.

"Major Box is survived by his wife of 43 years, Fran. Children Chris Cole of Ogden, UT and Andrew Box of Victorville. Mother Anita Box of Saratoga. Sister Beryl Orner of Chico and 5 grandchildren. The family requests that any remembrances be made to the American Heart Association, Golden Empire Chapter, PO Box 160126, Sacramento, 95816."

1991 - Fran still lives in the Sacramento area. She has played in Bridge Tournaments for many years, has travelled extensively to take part in such tournaments and undoubtedly has won many honors in this field of great concentration and ingenuity. Norman always took enormous pride in her artistic and social skills: in a family known for its hospitality and generosity, she has always had the reputation of being near the top of the "hostess with the mostess" list!



Above: Norman in USAF uniform at his Uncle Andy's home in Oakland; (1945)

Below: Fran & Norman's home in Brussels, Belgium, Fran in doorway. (1960)



USAF photo

Sporting a mustache that has made him the envy of other jet pilots in Korea, Capt. Norman L. Box, 4020 Norton Street, prepares to take off on another mission in his F-86 Sabre jet. A member of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing in Korea, Captain Box has 28 combat missions to his credit.

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1946 - Cooea Christine "Chris" BOX b 3 Jan 1946, Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA
 Parents: Norman Laverne "Norm" BOX & Frances Emily "Fran" LAVELLE
 m Theodore Melzar "Ted" COLE, III - 24 Apr 1965, Post Chapel,
 Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco Co, CA

1946 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook - birth announcement: "Jan 3, 6lbs,
 13 oz, Cooea Christine, Frances and Norman Box."

1955? - Same source- postcard from Chris to Aunt Anita:
 "Dear Grandma, Our school is having a Hallowe'en Carnival...to raise
 funds for school equipment. We know you can't be here...but we thought you
 would like to help our school....There is to be a booth called 'Gifts from Far
 Places.' Would you please send a gift of \$.50 value which we will sell without
 unwrapping..Please enclose a card with your name and the name of the child for
 whom you are doing this favor. Mail to.....Love, (signed) Christine Box"

1963 - Graduation announcement: "The Class of (1963) San Rafael High School,
 Announces Commencement Exercises, June (14th 8PM) Athletic Field"
 with engraved card attached "Miss Christine Box"

1964 - Invitation to the 20 June Debutante Ball at Hamilton Air Force Base:
 "The Hamilton Officers' Wives' Club requests the pleasure of your company
 at the Debutante Presentation Saturday evening...Officers' Club, Benefit:
 Air Force Distaff Residence...Formal" Christine was a beautiful 'deb.'

1965 - Among my Norman Box family memorabilia: wedding invitation which reads:
 "Major and Mrs Norman Laverne Box request the honour of your presence at the
 marriage of their daughter, Cooea Christine, to, Mr Theodore Melzar Cole III,
 on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of April, at eleven o'clock in the morning, The
 Post Chapel, The Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, and
 afterwards at the reception, Officer's Club. RSVP. Brunch."

1965 - San Francisco Chronicle clipping, April 1965: "Miss Box, T. M. Cole Are
 Wed - San Jose, where both are studying at San Jose State College, is the first
 home of Mr and Mrs Theodore Melzar Cole III (Christine Box).
 "They were married at the Post Chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco and
 honeymooned in Southern California.
 "The bride is the daughter of Major and Mrs Norman L Box, who were here on
 leave from Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, where he is stationed.
 "Her husband is the son of the junior Theodore M Coles of Redwood City..."

1965 - Daughter Kerri Lynn COLE born 27 Nov, San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA

1966 - Valentine note from Chris to Aunt Anita:
 "Dear Grandma, We got your letter and I have been trying to find a sane
 moment in order to answer your lovely letter. Ted thanks you for the money. He
 will write in a few days. He has been holding down two jobs ever since finals.
 He will quit Saturday and so will have one days vacation. I came down with the
 Asian flu just after finals and am now recovering.
 "We can hardly wait until you come again to see our little angel. Just let me
 know when you can come. When Daddy comes in May we are going to christen
 Kerri. Please come then also... Happy Valentine's Day! All our love..."

1971 - Son Michael Kieran COLE born 3 Sep, Lakenheath, Suffolk, England

1973 - 5 Sep NOVATO ADVANCE clipping: "Recognition for Two Young Women - A

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Novato woman and a former Novatan will appear in the 1973 volume of Outstanding Young Women of America. ...and Mrs Christine Cole, 25, daughter of Maj (USAF-Ret) and Mrs Norman Box, 37 Devonshire Drive.

"Mrs Cole lives at Lakenheath Air Base in England, where her husband, an Air Force captain is stationed. She runs the hospitality center there and works with retarded children. A San Rafael High School graduate, she attended San Jose State College and Chico State College. She has two children, age two and seven.....Mrs Cole was nominated by the Mildenhall Officers Wives Club ... "The Outstanding Young Women program recognizes women age 21 to 35 who have made exceptional contributions to their professions, communities, and country."

1984 - Christmas card excerpts: "...so we will attempt to fill you in on what has been happening ... still stationed in Germany... moved here to Ramstein Air Base in July 1983 when Ted got a new assignment as the Chief of the newly established European Distribution System Division of the head quarters United States Air Force in Europe (*USAFE). We completed our tour at Bitburg just 85 miles from here last summer and, after looking at jobs that were being offered elsewhere in the world, chose to take another three year assignment here in Germany. ...Ted's job...best described as similar to being the operations supervisor of a company like Federal Express... "Chris was able to get a transfer from Bitburg after teaching second grade there three years and is now teaching fourth grade at the Vogelweh Elementary School...Kerri is attending Sacramento State College...8th Grader Michael is playing on an all American team in the local German soccer league... Chris aponsored and escorted the fourth (that's right - fourth) grade class to Garmisch, Germany for a school-sponsored ski week. We had decided last year that we would (go) to Spain for a summer holiday...We had purchased a Volkswagen camper van the previous summer...so we were going to travel and camp in it. We headed for what we thought was going to be a pleasant 16-day leisurely tour of France and Spain. As we got into Southern France, we started to really get into the vacation mood and decided to head for Andorra, a tiny principality on the French/Spanish border. As we climbed the 7800 foot pass to get into the country and headed down the other side, our van caught on fire in the engine compartment and was disabled beyond the local capability to repair. Great news on the second day of our holiday, right? Undaunted, we sold the hulk for junk on the spot, and like a load of Gypsies, headed out by a sort of poor-boy's limo service for the nearest car rental agency, 200 kilometers away in Barcelona. Needless to say, it was quite an experience. We did indeed rent a car and continue our trip almost without missing a thing... ... and (later) returned to one of our favorites, Oberammergau, for the special 350th anniversary performance of the Passion Play on the last weekend of July. It is an event normally only held every ten years on the years ending in zero, but this one was out of the cycle...Lovingly, Chris, Ted, Kerri & Michael

1987 - 19 Dec - Kerri graduated from Sacramento State.

1989 - 23 Dec - Chris' holiday letter: "We already have welcomed our son Michael back home from his first semester as a Freshman at California State University at Sacramento.. ... Fran, Chris' mother, has joined us to spend the holidays. She is taking a breather from moving in November ... expecting Kerri home the weekend before Christmas. She is taking a week of leave from her job at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento where she works as a civil servant (Production Analyst) in the Directorate of Distribution. Also, in the next few days, we expect other family members, including Chris' brother, Andy.. "Ted expects to retire some time during 1990...Chris after changing schools at the beginning of this school year, will continue

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 to teach fifth grade even though the teaching environment here in Utah causes considerable stress... All our love, Ted and Chris, Kerri and Michael

1991 - In March 1991, Chris sent me, among other interesting family items, her CURRICULUM VITAE, parts of which I include here as a summary:

EDUCATION: 40+ post-graduate hours; 39+ additional workshops;
 B.A., 1978, Weber State College, Cum Laude - Major: Elementary Education
 B.A., 1975, California State University, Chico - Major: Diversified Social Sciences; Minor: Psychology, Special Emphasis in Anthropology & Sociology
 1963-66, San Jose State College, Honors Program

"WORK EXPERIENCE

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1989-90 - Weber County Schools, Fifth Grade, (Utah)
 Computer Co-Chairman, 1989-90; American Education Week Chairman, 1989-90

1987-89 - Weber County Schools, Fourth Grade; Washington Terrace Elementary
 PTA, 1987-89; Computer Chairman, 1987-89

1985-87 - DoDDS-Germany, Fifth Grade, Ramstein Elementary
 Safety Committee, 1985-86 Computer Coordinator, 1986-87
 NCA Chairperson, 1986-87 PTO, 1985-87

1983-85 - DoDDS-Germany, Fourth Grade, Vogelweh Elementary
 Social Chairman, 1983-84 Ski Week Chairman, 1983-85
 School Advisory Council, 1983-85 PTO, 1983-85

1980-83 -DoDDS-Germany, Second Grade, Bitburg Elementary
 Grade Level Chairman, 1981-83 Social Chairman, 1981-83
 Multi-Cultural Committee, 1981-82 School Advisory Council, 1982-83
 Conducted "Managing Individualization" Workshops, 1982-83 PTO 1981-83

1979-80 - Weber County Schools, Third Grade, Washington Terrace Elementary

1977-79 -Weber County Schools, Ogden City Schools, and
 Davis County Schools Substitute Teacher K-12

SUMMER WORK: Hamilton AFB, California, Recreation
 Worked as summer recreation leader; supervised four leaders; developed summer program of activities for 100 children, ages 6-12. Lifeguard and cashier.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Delegate to Utah State and County Political Conventions, 1988-90
 Utah Distribution Chairman, Delta Kappa Gamma Newspaper, 1989-90
 School Advisory Council, 1981-86
 Vogelweh and Bitburg Elementary Schools
 Athletic Booster Club, Bitburg High School, 1981-83, Secretary
 BSA, 1979-80, Committee Mother
 Red Cross, 1975-80, WSI. Taught swimming, water safety and survival skills, ages 3-adult. Taught water survival skills to military pilots.
 USAF Family Services, 1967-75
 RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk, England, 1970-75
 Served as Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Office Chairman, Publicity Chairman, MAC Terminal Chairman, Muses Newsletter Editor/Typist, Receptionist
 Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 1967-68
 Served as Sponsorship Chairman, CHAP Office Chairman,

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RAF Lakenheath Elementary, Suffolk, England, 1972-73, Swim Instructor
 RAF Mildenhall OWC, Suffolk, England, 1970-75
 Mirror Staff Typist, Mirror Circulation Manager, Thrift Shop Volunteer,
 GSA, 1972-73, Committee Mother, Assistant Day Camp Leader
 CAVE, Chico State College, California, 1968-69
 Tutor to seventh grade unmarried mother
 DAMES, San Jose State College, California, 1966

HONORS: 1988 - Nominated for Utah Teacher of the Year
 1987 - Won "I Love Teaching" Award, Weber County
 1987 - Founding member, Alpha Delta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Fraternity
 1978 - Graduated Cum Laude, Weber State College, Utah
 1973 - Outstanding Young Woman of America
 1973 - Family Services Volunteer of the Year; 2) the Quarter; 3) the Month
 1963 - Honors at Entrance to San Jose State College

BACKGROUND: Born in Berkeley, California. As the daughter and wife of career military officers, I have traveled extensively and have lived in England, Belgium and Germany. Two children, ages 19 and 24.

INTERESTS: Enjoy water sports, snow skiing, and travel but also derive great satisfaction from various forms of needlework, gardening, reading politics and educational computing."

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Norman, Andy and Christine - 1948



Evelyn and Lynette, Fran and Andy, Beryl and Tommy
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1948 - Andrew "Andy" Norman BOX b 17 Aug 1948, place unknown
 Parents: Norman Laverne BOX & Frances LaVELLE
 m 1) June Edgar 12 Apr 1968 (div)
 m 2) Jan GERBER
 d 19 Feb 1991, St Mary's Hospital, Apple Valley,
 San Bernardino Co, CA

1948 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook 1945-49 has birth announcement:
 Andrew Norman, 9 lbs, Aug 17 1948, to Frances and Norman Box..red hair noted.

1966 - Same: graduation announcement: "The Senior
 Class of Kaiserslautern American High School announces the Commencement
 Exercises Sunday afternoon June (5) 1966, 1500 hours, Vogelweh Theater,
 Kaiserslautern, Germany" with attached engraved card: "Andrew Norman Box"

1968 - Same: marriage announcement:
 "Mr and Mrs L C Edgar have the honour of announcing the marriage of their
 daughter June Ellen to Mr Andrew Norman Box on Friday, (April 12, 1968)

1970 - Preston Duane BOX born 30 Jun.

1978/79 - Norman Louis BOX born, exact date unknown.

1980 - Anita Louise born 8 Jun.

Following are excerpts from Andy's Resume kindly sent to me by his sister
 Chris after Andy's untimely death:

"LANGUAGES: Understanding of conversational French. Have lived several years in
 foreign countries. (Belgium and Germany)

"FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS: Past member of Lions Club and Ranch Cordova J.C.'s.
 Past member of Elks Lodge #32484 - Lapsation Chairman. Honorary member of
 AMVETS Post 20 Auxiliary.

"EDUCATION:

Victor Valley College, Victorville, CA- Major - English, Minor - Accounting;
 IBEW Sign Hangar Apprenticeship Graduated Journeyman - 1977

Yuba College, Marysville, CA- Major - English, Minor - Business;
 University of Maryland, Ramstein, Germany Major - English, Minor - Business.

"EXPERIENCE: Residential and commercial electrical wiring; install, maintain,
 inspect, troubleshoot and repair electronic systems and their components;
 install, maintain and repair burglar, fire and smoke alarm systems; rewiring and
 new installation of kitchen equipment; sign installation involving use of
 crane;

1991 - It was a terrible shock to hear at Evelyn and Don's 45th Anniversary
 party on Saturday, 23 Feb 1991 that Andy had died the previous Tuesday. Fran
 had told all of us in her Christmas note that Andy had had several melanomas
 and had had surgery to successfully remove two of them. However, just before
 the end of the year, he developed another melanoma in the brain and it
 metastasized.

He underwent treatment at UCLA Medical Center, but it was to no avail..a
 tragic loss to the family.

1991 - March letter from Andy's sister, Chris, said: "He died in Apple Valley -
 St Mary's Hospital - Feb. 19, 1991 of respiratory failure due to lung
 metastasis due to melanoma. He had brain metastasis also...."

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1890 - Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" BOX b 31 Jul 1890, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Samuel "Sam" Powell BOX & Elma Jane HOWELL
 m 1) Malcolm Daniel, bef 1908 (div)
 m 2) ? OWEN
 m 3) Elmer H "Chub" MARTIN
 d 20 Jun 1954, Napa, Napa Co, CA
 bur Park View Cemetery, Manteca, San Joaquin Co, CA

PLEASE see Anita ANDERLINI, Sam, Ora, Millie & Reuben BOX & Elmer MARTIN Notes.

abt 1908 - Samuel Lee DANIEL born 1 Feb.

1914 - 15 Jun postcard from Bessie in Klamath Falls to Reuben in Knob:
 "I sent you a package today & hope it arrives ok. ...Am waiting now for the crowd to gather for a chivarie & then will have to go to work. Write often to Bib." (Uncle Reuben always called her "Bib")

1914 - Jun 23 (Same as above):

"M. (Malcolm) is out hunting a job this morning. The mill burnt down here last night & so there's about 200 men out of work here & at the camps."

1914 - Jun 26 (Same as above): "Hope you are over the measles by now. We are well & I am still cooking here, but only for a few boarders as they won't start to rebuild until after the 4th. M. will help with the rebuilding, but is not working now. This is a picture of the ruins" Picture on front of the card is of the fire damage of June 22 referred to in the previous postcard.

1914/15? - Undated clipping in Aunt Anita's oldest scrapbook, 1911-1929:
 "FINAL FOR HARRISON GULCH - A final decree of divorce was granted in the superior court Monday morning to Bessie Daniel from Malcolm Daniel. The couple live in Harrison Gulch. The wife's attorneys were Braynard & Kimball."

1914 - 3 Sep postcard from Bessie in Knob to Anita in Weaverville: "Dear girlie, How goes it with you? I am fine but so lazy since I came home. Have been putting up quite a lot of fruit for R. & Dad and am only started on the job. R. is fine and happy as a pig in clover. He is going out tomorrow to put up tel. line. Hope to hear from you soon. Love,. Bessie."

1915 - May postcard from Bessie in Yreka to Anita in Knob: "I'm on my way...Will write a letter when I get there."

1915 - 6 Dec postcard from Bessie in Bartle, California to Anita in Trinity Center: "Dear Anita, Have written you since I came to Bartle and expect an ans. soon. Am getting along fine. This is a front view of the hotel..."

1915 - 16 Dec postcard from Bessie in Bartle to Andy on his birthday:
 "Dear Bro, Birthday Greetings. Will be down to stay a couple of wks at home so good bye till then. Will leave here the 21st, I think. Tell Irene hello for me. I don't get much time to write. Glad you are so near well. Love from Bess"

1916 - 30 Aug postcard from Bessie in Pittsburg, CA to Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear Reuben, Have once more unpacked and am working here learning the dressmaking trade as I wrote you I intended doing. My wrists would soon give out entirely doing heavy work. Lee is doing fine at school. 3rd grade. Write. Bess." (Picture captioned "Gas Plant, Pittsburg, Cal")

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1916 - 2 Sep postcard from Bessie in Pittsburg to Anita & Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear bro & sis, I am slow in sending congrats, but you know how glad I am. I am awful busy - didn't even get over to S.F. to see dad before he left, but would have gone if I had known he was leaving so soon. Write me often, Lonesome Bess."

1917 - Nov 21 postcard from Ora in Petaluma to Reuben in Trinity Center: "...Bessie was in Los A. the last I heard. O.M."

1919? - Undated postcard from Elma to Reuben in Coffee, Trinity Co: "Here in S.F. on way to Bessie at Dos Palos...."

1920 - Dec 6 postcard from Bessie in Merced to Reuben: "Birthday Greetings"

1923 - Aunt Anita's photo album has a picture of Aunt Bessie and Uncle Elmer Martin taken on Dec 20, so they may have been married about that time.

1930's? - Picture in Aunt Ora's scrapbook shows Aunt Bessie, Uncle Elmer, an unidentified young woman and a very large German Shepherd dog sitting in a motor boat on the Colorado River before Boulder Dam was built.

1939 - 22 Jun letter from Aunt Bessie in Manteca to Alice in Oakland: "Dear Alice, I was so glad to get your nice long letter and glad you made that resolution and didn't leave me out. I don't get many letters and don't write very often to anyone. Ora writes me best of all..."

"Elmer is in Los Angeles so my niece Velma Martin is staying with me. He goes every week and takes about three days to make the trip so she visits me quite often. She is practicing her violin now while I write letters..."

"I have been canning cherries and making different kinds of jelly. Today I'm going to be lazy and do as little as I can..."

"I would like a nice visit with all of you sometime when everyone is not so busy, perhaps this fall when Reuben & Anita are down we can all get together. I know your mother is glad her big party is over and I know it went over big. Give her my love and also Evelyn & daddy... Best love, Your Aunt Bessie."

1952 - Aunt Anita always kept a journal on their trips. The following is an excerpt from her journal of their 26 Feb-21 Apr trip:

"26 Feb..Drove to Bessies, arrived at 5:30. They just got home from Fresno.

27 Feb - Reuben & E. H. (Elmer Martin) go to the Ranch. Bessie & I leave at 12pm & go to Napa. Stayed at Ben's. 28 Feb - Bessie, Ora & I drove back to Manteca...Reuben & E. H. arrived soon after we did. Had a good supper. Played Canasta. Ora & I won over Bessie & Reuben. 29 Feb - Went to Stockton to see Dorothy Johnson in afternoon. Ora & E. H. not feeling well.

(1 Mar - Aunt Anita and Uncle Reuben left for Mariposa)

....then on the return trip from White River....

"17 Apr - Ate dinner at Uhl's. Arrived at Bessie's in Manteca...18 Apr -

Ora and Nick came. Bessie & I went to town...19 Apr - at home. Went for mail.

Cards in eve...20 Apr - Went to visit with...& Sadie...21 Apr - Returned home."

1953 - Christmas card "To Alice & Kenny from Aunt Bessie" has a picture of her riding a horse and carrying a flag...obviously in a parade.

1954 - Two obituaries in Aunt Anita's 1954 scrapbook, plus two Vital Statistics notices and the funeral home Remembrance sheet. (Excerpts)

1) the Napa Register dated June 20 1954 in Aunt Ora's handwriting:

"WOMAN DIES ON VISIT TO NAPA - "Mrs Lucy Martin, 63, of Manteca,

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died unexpectedly yesterday at the home of her nephew, Dr. Bernard Matzen... "Mrs. Martin and her husband, Elmer, came here four days ago for a visit. Mrs. Martin became ill Saturday. She was an active clubwoman in Manteca, belonging to the Past Presidents Association of the Native Daughters, San Joaquin Valley Rangers, Inc., Manteca Chapter of Eastern Star, Rebekahs, and Glad Tidings Church....Other survivors are a son, Samuel Lee Daniels of Richmond, two sisters, Mrs. Ora Matzen of Napa and Mrs Elma Black of Manteca; two brothers, Reuben Box of Sterling City and Andrew Box of Oakland; and two grandchildren, Nancy Lee and Janice Lorraine Daniels. "Funeral services will be at 2 p.. m. tomorrow in the P. L. Fry Mortuary in Manteca, with burial in the Park View Cemetery there...

2) Undated, unattributed obituary on same page:

"Rites Tomorrow for Mrs Lucy E Martin - MANTECA, June 21 - Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm tomorrow in the P L Fry & Son Mortuary for Mrs Lucy Elizabeth Martin, 63, who died unexpectedly in Napa yesterday afternoon while visiting a sister. ...The Rev Donald Annas of the Glad Tidings Church, Pentalpha Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the Phoebe Hearst Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West all will participate in the rites... "Mrs Martin, a Manteca resident for 20 years, is survived by her husband, E H Martin, and the couple just recently had purchased a new home ...Besides the OES and the NDGW, Mrs Martin also was affiliated with the Manteca Rebekah Lodge, Western Horse and Trailer Club of Tracy and the Valley Rangers of Stockton. ...She was a past president of Phoebe Hearst Parlor..."

Malcolm, Lee and Bessie Daniel in front of the
New York Hotel in Weaverville, CA - abt 1911



Governer's Day at Sonoma - 1946 - Bear Flag Centennial....Bessie and Elmer H Martin. Elmer won 1st Prize on "Cowboy" for best-dressed & working equipment cowboy. Gov.



Notes for Elmer H "Chub" MARTIN-199

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 1886/7 - Elmer H "Chub" MARTIN born, Soquel, Santa Cruz Co, CA

Parents: Unknown

m 1) Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" BOX (abt 1923)

m 2) Genevieve "Gene" LASLEY, 26 Mar 1955, Manteca, San Joaquin Co, CA

PLEASE see Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" BOX Notes for more information.

1922 - He moved to Banta (near Tracy)

1933 - moved to Manteca

1947 - Has ridden horses since he was a child and won the Sweepstakes in the Merced-Mariposa Trail Ride in 1947. He both judged and participated.

Aunt Bessie marked on the back of a picture of Uncle Elmer on horseback with a group of riders in the mountains: "E H Martin riding 'Pidge' to Yosemite Valley from Merced - 100 miles - 1st in light weight class & sweepstakes, 1947"

1955 - Clipping in Aunt Anita's 1955 scrapbook: "Elmer Martins Are Wed in Informal Manteca Rites - Manteca, March 26 - Mrs Genevieve Lasley of Walnut Creek and Mr Elmer Martin of Manteca were married last Sunday during informal rites in Mr Martin's Sutter Street home.....Attending the ceremony were...Mr and Mrs S L Daniels and daughters, Janice and Nancy of Richmond.....Mr Martin is engaged in the trucking business in Manteca."

1957 - Aunt Anita scrapbook: E H Martin had 33 first trophies and 2 special cash awards for his and his wife's matched pair of horses. They participated in 28 parades one year. They won 25 of the 33 trophies given in 1957.

1958 - 13 Nov -Same source: Large photo with caption:

"E H MARTIN AND TROPHIES - E H Martin is pictured above with two of the many trophies he has won for horsemanship. He and his wife started riding as a matched pair in 1957 and won the state championship for matched pair of the California State Horseman's Convention in Antioch in October 1957." Another clipping with photo and article: Photo caption- "TROPHY WINNERS - Mr and Mrs E H Martin, riding their matched pair of horses, are pictured during a recent parade. The Martins have won 33 first trophies and 2 special cash awards, 25 of them this year, out of the 28 parades they have participated in... "Martin, who is 71 years old, moved to Banta in 1922, living there until 1933 when he moved to Manteca. He has been riding horses since he was a child and won the Sweepstakes in the Merced-Mariposa trail ride to Yosemite in 1947. Martin has judged and participated in many horse shows throughout this area... "Besides participating in parades, the Martins also ride for pleasure and on several occasions have been guests of Dr and Mrs Moyle on Yosemite Trail rides. They are members of the San Joaquin Valley Rangers..."

1962 - 4 Dec - Letter to Reuben Box from Elmer H Martin, Director, Fresno County Department of Recreation and Parks. I believe "young" Elmer, as we always called him, was related to Uncle Elmer but do not know how.

"...Then a couple of weeks ago Uncle 'Chub' stayed with me and of course the main topic of conversation was the happy period when Aunt Bessie & Uncle Chub used to come up to Stirling and visit with you and Anita. One can easily tell that the happiest period in Uncle Chub's life was when he and Aunt Bessie were together. During this visit, even Herb Caton got into the conversation...Uncle Chub still has a small piece of Pasture land near where Herb lives now..."

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Lillie May DANIEL, birthdate & place unknown
 Parents: Malcolm DANIEL believed to be father
 m TAYLOR

Aunt Ora, in her notes on the entire Box family given to me in the 1940"s, mentioned that Aunt Bessie and Malcolm Daniel had an adopted daughter named Linda Lee. I could not find any proof of this, nor had I ever heard this girl mentioned in the family. However, in one of Aunt Anita's scrapbooks I found two letters from a Lillie May (Daniel) Taylor in which she refers to Lee as her brother, and Aunt Ora, in a postscript, refers to her as Lee's half-sister. The term "half-sister" implies a shared parent, so whether Aunt Ora used that term loosely to indicate that she was adopted, or knew that she was the daughter of Malcolm by a previous marriage is not known. In one letter Lillie May refers to herself as "Malcolm Daniel's daughter, Lee Daniel's sister." This poses the possibility that Malcolm Daniel had been previously married and had custody of a daughter. This becomes even more plausible in view of the fact that Aunt Bessie and Malcolm Daniel were divorced before 1920, no pictures of the little girl are in either Aunt Anita's or Aunt Ora's albums along with the many pictures of Lee with his parents, and there was never any discussion in the family about this child. She very well could have been raised by her mother. It is obvious from the following letter that she and Lee had never met until 1962.

So the dilemma remains as to whether Lillie May Daniels, as she calls herself, was adopted or a half-sister. Since Nancy/Nancie Lee (DANIEL) RHODES had met Lilly May, she could perhaps shed some light on the matter. Until then, here is the little factual information I have been able to discover:

1962 - Letter to Uncle Reuben & family 5 May 1962, (excerpts)

"Concord, Calif., May 5, 1962 "Dear Uncle Rubein & family:

"I know you will be surprised to hear from me. Lillie May 'Daniel' Taylor. Malcolm Daniel's daughter, Lee Daniel's sister. But here I am at Lee's, arrived here April 20th. After some 50 years wanting to come to the state of Calif. and to see my brother. It was a great thrill, and I find brother Lee to be every thing I had hoped him to be. Has a nice sweet wife and two wonderful daughters. ...I've met and been to see Dad Martin and his wife Jean - Also Aunt Elma & her husband. Both families very nice & a most warm welcome. I would love to meet you & your family. But Lee hasn't been to well. However he is feeling much better. I hope my coming & my presence have had some to do with his improvement. ...I regret very much that I didn't get out here before the passing of Mama Bessie, "as I always called her." ...I hope to meet you & your family also Uncle Andy & his family before I return to my home state, Ohio. ...If it is possible and convenient for you, I sure would be happy if you could drive down. If Lee was in a better physical condition I am sure he would drive me to see you. I did not drive out. I came by bus. ...Hoping to see & hear from you soon. Will stop now as Lee or Vera may want to write some. Your niece, Lillie May (Daniel) Taylor."

NOTE: Added notes from Lee and Vera in above letter included in Lee's Notes)

1964 - Letter from Lillie May to Aunt Ora & Uncle Nick (excerpts):

"Aunt Ora, remembering it will soon be your Birthday I want you to know I will be thinking of you then, as well as most frequently & always. I had to work Christmas day, didn't get to be with any of my children, but they all remembered me with presents. So I did have a nice Christmas. Including good health, being able to work. ...Had a card from Vera at Christmas - no letters for some time. ...I appreciate your letters so much. It reminds me so much of Mama Bessie's letters. She always wrote such nice letters. I'll never under-

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stand why she & my Dad separated. They both seem to be such wonderful persons & to love their children. ...I am on duty as usual, my time rather limited. Have to check my patients. ...Here's wishing you a Happy Birthday... Give my love & regards to all whom I met while out there. I loved every one of Lee's people & thought they were all so wonderfull. A niece - Lillie May." ...I'll never get use to my brother being gone. I miss him so much & his Dear letters. Added note at bottom of letter from Aunt Ora (BOX) MATZEN to Aunt Anita and Uncle Reuben. Aunt Ora was always so good about circulating family letters. "This from Lee's half sister in Ohio - She writes me quite often. We liked her very much and wish she lived nearer. O.M."



1940's - Elma, Bessie, Andy,
Reuben, Ora in front
of Andy's Hampel St home, Oakland, CA

abt 1928 - Allen Box, Billy Morgan, Norman
Box, Lee Daniel: all of the Box
family sons except Ben. In front
of Andy's Auseon Ave home, Oakland, CA



1949 - Andy, Addie, Bessie, Elma, Ora,
and Elmer in front.

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abt 1908 - Samuel Lee DANIEL b 1 Feb, birthplace unknown
 Parents: Malcolm DANIEL & Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" BOX
 m Vera Mae PHILLIPS, bef 1945, place unknown
 d aft Jul 1962

PLEASE see Lucy Elizabeth "Bessie" BOX & Lillie May DANIEL Notes also.

1910 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has picture of Lee in Bakersfield in 1910, about two years old. Same page has one of Lee at Weed, but not dated.

1911 - Same source: postcard picture of Lee, about 3 years old, Aunt Bessie wrote: "Lee's photo for a Valentine, Feb 14, 1911, to Ora & Bennie."

1913 - 1 Feb postcard from Millie to Reuben: I am sending Valentines this evening. Today is Lee's birthday. I have got him a postcard album...."

1914 - 5 Oct - Picture of Lee and a little girl. Aunt Bessie wrote on the back: "Lee and his sweetheart (Margaret Davis) To Andy, Irene & Elma, Redding Cal"

1916 - 30 Aug postcard from Bessie in Pittsburg, CA to Reuben in Trinity Center: "Dear Reuben.....Lee is doing fine at school. 3rd grade.....Bess"

1916 - 2 Sep postcard from Bessie (same as above) to Reuben: "Dear Bro.....Lee is doing fine at school. Will soon be ready for the 4th grade.....Bess"

1920 - 30 Dec - Letter from Lee in Merced: "Dear Aunt Ora and Benny, I rec'd the package all right and I am thankful. I am awfully sorry that I did not have anything more than my photograph to send you. Tell Benny many thanks for the tie. I still have some candy left. The fruitcake was sure good. I got a tie from Elma and two books from Mother. Well I will quit as I am not much on the write. Your Young Nephew, S Lee Daniel. PS How did you like my picture?"

abt 1928 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a picture of a smiling adult Lee standing beside a very large truck. Only caption is "Lee"

1930's - Childhood memories of Lee are that he was quite a dashing young man who liked to visit his Uncle Andy in Oakland, often on a motorcycle and frequently with very pretty girl friends.

bef 1945 - Lee married Vera Mae PHILLIPS, whose first marriage ended tragically when her husband shot their two children and himself.

1962 - In a family letter to Uncle Reuben & family from Lee's half sister, Lillie May (DANIEL) TAYLOR of Columbus, Ohio, Lee wrote a note which describes his illness at the time. "Reuben & Anita: Hi. Just a Few lines.... I've been hospitalized myself with my Angina Pectoris, but feel ok now. Doctor says I can go to work in about 3 weeks. Sure hope so, I've been off work over a month now. "Vera is not too well after that wreck in Jan 1961. I wasn't hurt, but Vera got a whip lash. She is slowly improving, however...Just took some medicine that makes me very dopey, so have to stop now. Saw Elma & Jim Wed. Will see Ora Sunday and try & see Andy & Addie sometime next week when they return from the Fair in Seattle. Love & Regards, Lee & Family." (Vera's note):Hi Reuben & Nita, .. I sure wish we could come see you. I enjoyed myself so much when I was there. ...I guess you heard Janice, our youngest, got married. ...I sure would like for you to come down and meet Lillie Mae, Lee's sister. ...I'm afraid Lee isn't well enough to make the trip up

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there. ...Nancy is working at a place called Snow White's till she finishes her college course. (She) has a concert in June, playing the Piano...Love, Vera" (Nancy's note): "Hi, How are you doing up there? I know I really had a wonderful time when we were up!... May God Bless You All! Love, Nancy."

1962 - Jul -Letter from Lee(in Concord, CA), to Aunt Elma & Jim:

"Received your nice letter quite a while ago, but have been too sick to answer. I've been in the hospital for past 8 or 10 days with a Kidney Infection. I've had more needles stuck in me than I can count. Also 4 qts Glucose, then they put me on a 1100 calorie diet. I quit smoking and the Doctor is afraid I'll gain some weight. He says when I reach 220 lbs I can smoke again. Maybe by that time I won't want to smoke anyway. I quit by myself!

"Sure is beautiful here at the hospital. I have a 10' x 10' picture window to look out of. I control the drapes from my bedside. Beautiful shrubs & trees. Just one thing missing - not too many birds and no animals at all.

"I am about ready to go home today. If this is postmarked Walnut Creek I am still in the hospital. If anyplace else, I am home.

"We can have T.V. in our rooms if we can afford to pay \$1.10 per day, also a telephone, \$1.50 per day plus all phone calls. But who needs a phone? I ordered a T.V. 4 days ago, but haven't got any word yet. They are slow with T.V. sets. The hospital hasn't anything to do with it. The T.V. installer is just Very, Very slow. A lot of kicks. Wish I could take over this T.V. concession. I think a guy could make a comfortable living out of it. I think I'll investigate and see how much money it would take to handle the whole deal. Anyway I've got to get something else to do besides boilermaking. It's too much work for the old man anymore.

"I'm getting well - that's the main thing. The doctor should be here soon, so I'll close now. Love & regards, Lee."



Above: Nancie Lee Daniel - 19 Jun 1976

Left: Samuel Lee Daniel, abt 1911, on a postcard written by his father, Malcolm Daniel.

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1892 - Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX b 16 Dec 1892, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Samuel Powell "Sam" Box & Elma Jane HOWELL
 m 1) Irene Maude VAN MATRE 20 Oct 1912, Weaverville, Trinity Co, CA (div)
 m 2) Addie Ruth MEAL 21 Jun 1922, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 d 5 Apr 1964, Senator Hotel, Sacramento, Sacramento Co, CA
 bur Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co, CA

1892 - Letter from Sam and Elma to his mother, Lucy, after Andy's birth
 16 Dec 1892: "12 January 1893 - Dear Mother: We got your good letter written on your birthday and we wrote on the same day. Well, we are getting along well. Elma is not very stout, but James Andy Howell is a very strong healthy child.....P.S. (from Elma) Dear Mother - Sam is going to Porterville today and will mail this so I will add a few lines and tell all about our baby boy born the 16 Dec, weighed 11-1/2 lbs., he has fair skin, blue eyes and auburn hair, (almost red) looks considerable like Reuben when he was a baby. He is strong and healthy and is getting to be good. I am tolerably strong and do all my own work with Sam's help. He is good and quite handy.... little Bessie rocks the baby. They are all good children. We think of calling the baby Andrew Howell Box, but have not decided yet....."

1910 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a postcard picture of Andy taken in 1910, on which she has written on the back "Taken in Dunsmuir, Siskiyou Co in Spring of 1910." He may have been staying with his parents at the time because this is the year little Margaret Jane was born in Dunsmuir, and it is believed the Sam Box family lived in that area for a short time.

1910 - 20 Aug postcard from Andy in Minersville to Millie in San Francisco has very large raised flower design and letters saying "TO MY DEAR SISTER" - Only message is "From your brother, A H Box"

1912 - 20 October in Weaverville, Irene Maude VAN MATRE and Andrew Howell BOX were married, according to a 1919 clipping concerning their divorce.

1912 - 19 Dec postcard from Irene & Andy in Weaverville to Anita Anderlini in Minersville: "Letter rec'd the other day and was sure glad to hear from you. I did think that you had forgotten that I was among the living. Will excuse you this time. R. is going to be with us Xmas. You had better come, too. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Will send letter later. Love, Irene and Andy."

1913 - 25 May postcard from Anita to Reuben: "Was out to see Andy & Irene & stayed there one night. Had a fine visit with them."

1914 - 16 Mar postcard from Irene (can't read postmark) to Anita in Lewiston: "I am ashamed for not answering sooner... We are going to plant a garden soon if it keeps good. Everything is getting dusty. Soon will wear our Easter Frocks. Love, Irene."

1915 - Aunt Anita's earliest scrapbook, undated clipping: "At the La Grange Mine, February 26, 1915, Bertha Leonora Box, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Box, aged 15 days." Another clipping listed all deaths in Trinity Co in 1915: "February 26, Bertha Leonora Box, 15 days."

1915 - 31 May postcard from Irene in Minersville to Anita & Reuben in Knob: "I am going to Trinity Center Wed so write me there. Got Elma's letter. Am glad she arrived safe. May see you all before long... Love, Irene."

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1915 - Per Evelyn (6/17/87) remembered a story Uncle Reuben told her about Daddy's surgery in San Francisco in 1915: Daddy had to have his ear lanced and didn't want to go to SF alone, so Uncle Reuben accompanied him. When Daddy was in hospital Uncle Reuben went to the Panama Pacific Exposition, and since he & Daddy had worked in mines for many years, he headed for the mining exhibit. While in the exhibit he saw a film which showed Daddy in one sequence. Efforts to locate this film have failed so far, but I will continue to search for it.

1917 - Per picture in Anita's album: Daddy went to Washington DC in 1917.

1917 - 10 Nov letter from Daddy to Aunt Ora on stationery with "American YMCA emblem, and imprinted "On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force" Daddy wrote in at the top "Somewhere in France": "Dear Sister Ora, Received your welcome letter a few days ago...This is a very nice country but I do not like the climate at all and certainly never would get used to the customs of the people. The people of U.S. do not know what a good country they have until they get away from it. I suppose you know all about that, though, as if I remember, you were pretty glad to get home from Germany. ...We had a very nice trip across the Atlantic, it only being rough two days. We landed in Scotland and then went to a port in England and from there came to France. ...I hear from Irene quite often but have not heard from Reuben since I have been here. I have not heard from Bessie and do not even know her address but don't suppose she is in one place long enough to get a letter from me anyway...We are quartered in barracks here and are fixed very comfortable for the winter. I am not allowed to write anything about our work as our letters are censored. We have plenty of everything to eat and about the only thing I miss very much is some of the dainties that Irene used to make. When I return I am coming to visit you and hope you are still in the chicken business and have plenty of eggs on hand. I had some pictures taken when I was in D.C. and if Irene hasn't already sent you one you might write for one. Write as often as you can... Tell Bennie to write to me. I will close with love to all, I remain your loving brother, Andrew H Box, 10 Engineers 'Forest' Co F, American Expeditionary Force, Via New York" Censor's "OK, R Parkley, 1st Lieut. Co H" scrawled after Daddy's signature.

1918 - I have nine postcards from Daddy in France, evidently collected, as Reuben later collected his Alaska cards to show his family what the area looked like, to show some of the places he visited in France. None of the cards have a postmark or address, just a caption written on the back of the card in Andy's handwriting. The only one carrying a message has, on the picture side, an exquisitely embroidered pair of pansies embroidered on a filmy silk background, with the words "Mille bonsbaisers" embroidered in purple silk: "I am well and getting along fine. Will mail you folks a small package of holly soon. Write often. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all from Andrew H Box, 10th Engineers Forestry Co. F, 'Somewhere in France'."

1918 - 31 Dec ROSTER OF MEN AND OFFICERS OF 37th COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEERS (Forest) (Old designation):Co. "F" 10th Engineers (Forest). After the date is typed: "The day before we started for the States." Under Enlisted men: Box 160117 Andrew H Pvt 1/c" also "Pritchard 160221 Alexander L Pvt" - my father's best friend who introduced him to my mother and later became my Uncle Alex by marrying my mother's sister in Nome, Alaska.

1918-19 - Allen remembers one of Daddy's war stories about his visit to a monastery in France with a group of American soldiers. The American soldiers were led through the Monastery by one of the monks,

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who explained items of interest to them. One of the soldiers, standing near an ancient Bible on a stand, reached over and turned the page. The monks reacted in horror as they led him away from the Bible, and the Americans were later told that the founder of the Monastery hundreds of years before had opened the Bible to that page and it had remained there all through the centuries.

1919 - 17 Jun postcard from Irene in Nome, Alaska to Anita: "Andy said he wrote Reuben all the news so I won't write until we get to York which will be about a week. I like it fine here. Real cold now. Daylight all the time. It's awful hard to go to sleep at night. I've done nothing but write and eat the last two days. Am feeling fine again. Love, Irene." There is a picture of a ptarmigan on the front of the card and she says in a note on the picture: "We expect to eat some of these this summer."

1919? -Per Aunt Anita's first scrapbook, c. 1919 clipping: "TRINITY MARRIAGE PROVES A FAILURE - The marriage of Irene Maude Box and Andrew Howell Box, in Weaverville on October 20, 1912, has proved to be a failure, for the wife brought a suit for divorce. The couple separated on January 1, 1919. Mrs Box, a former resident of Minersville, has lived in Redding for three months. Her husband is supposed to be in Nome, Alaska. The divorce is sought on the ground of failure to provide."

(NOTE: Since the two books in the following note were dated Oct 1919 and Jan 1920, it appears that Andy remained in Alaska while Irene returned to Trinity County to follow through with the divorce.)

1919 - 1920 - Evelyn has a Sunday School bible dated 10 Oct 1919 with "Andrew Howell Box" written on the first page. On the shelf with our bibles and theological books I have "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, dated 23 Jan 1920, signed "Andrew Howell Box, Nome, Alaska." Interesting that the only 2 books we have that belonged personally to Daddy were religious books. He was certainly everything the word "Christian" represents, but was not a religious man.

1921 - Dec card from Andy, Hotel San Pablo, Oakland, to Anita & Reuben: "... Hoping this finds you better than when I heard last. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. I remain your bro, Andrew Box."

1921 - 4 Nov letter from Daddy in Forestiere, French Guiana to Aunt Ora: "Dear Sister Ora, It has been some time since I have written to you so guess I had better get busy. You are not the only one that has been slighted tho as I am away behind in my correspondence. Don't know why as I have had plenty of idle time lately. "This company closed down temporary about three weeks ago. Several of the Americans have returned to the states, but I was one chosen to stay here and re-ship some of the material back to the states. Lately I haven't had a thing to do but expect to get busy again in a week or so. I am willing to stay as I am feeling fine now. Had a little fever last week but only malaria and I am not afraid of that as all a person has to do is to go to a good cold climate for awhile and get rid of it. I weigh 155 lbs now against 170 lbs when I left Oakland. I know I will soon regain that when I get back. "We have a new Phonograph here now and some of the latest records which are very nice. We dance once in awhile when enough ladies get here at once. "We had some very notable company here last week. The Governor of French Guiana and his staff were here. Didn't interest me much ... "The people here and all their wine and parties don't mean much to me as I am

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here to get a few dollars and get back to USA again. I expect to finish here in Feb as far as I know at present. Some talk of this company sending two other fellows and I to Portugal to work on a dredge but nothing certain about it yet.

"I had a letter from Reuben a few days ago. All was well and fine with him. I also received your letter of Sept 26 and was very glad to hear from you.

"Thanks for the compliment on my hand-writing. Addie may be the cause, but she hasn't held my hand for a long time at least. I didn't know I even wrote different than I ever did, but I do write a lot more now than I used to. I notice you hand your-self a little boquet when you say my sisters all write a good hand. Of course I know my hand writing isn't the best, but Addie says she can make it out real well and she also said she knew where she could find plenty of help if she couldn't as her parents are getting very curious to know why she writes so many letters lately and gets so many from S.A.

"It is drawing around near Xmas again and it looks as tho I will be right here in camp. Last Xmas I spent at the Meal home in Oakland and made my first date with Addie.

"When you write again let me know what you paid for your new Dodge as I intend getting one when I get back. I may go to Alaska again if I get back by June 1st. I have a good job offered me there if I get back in time.

"Well, Ora, it is getting late and I haven't any more news so will say Good-night with love to you all from your brother, Andrew Box."

(NOTE: His reference to malaria and how to get rid of it did not prove correct: he had occasional bouts with malaria the rest of his life when his resistance was down. We all remember his severe chills and fever at times.)

1921-22 - Hundreds of photographs, shot and developed by Andrew Box, testify to his year in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, South America. He said he was hired by the J P Morgan organization to run a gold-mining expedition in that area. The photographs are remarkable in many ways: some for their striking scenic beauty, others for their attempts to capture the flavor of the immediate area where he worked; the curiosity he possessed to investigate all kinds of plant life, geological formations, Devil's Island prisoners who worked for him, equipment used on the expedition, and a glimpse of the social life of his time there.

1921 - 8 Dec -A very pretty English postcard with a printed Christmas and New Year's wish inside an embossed edge in Aunt Ora's scrapbook has the message: "Paramaribo, D.G., Best wishes to you all from your brother, Andrew Box."

1922 - 21 Jun Wedding announcement: "Mr and Mrs Ralph William Meal announce the marriage of their daughter Addie Ruth to Mr Andrew Howell Box on Wednesday, the twenty-first of June nineteen hundred and twenty-two, Oakland, California, At Home, after August first, Nome, Alaska"

1922 - 21 Jun - married Addie Ruth MEAL in her parents' home on Madison Avenue, Oakland California. Left that night on the train for Seattle, then took the boat to Nome, Alaska where Andy worked on the dredges mining gold and later owned a hotel, and Addie taught school until Alice was born in May 1923.

1923 - 3 Apr letter from Daddy at the Yuba Power Plant, Nome Alaska, written in pencil on a legal-size sheet that appears to have been taken from a ledger, to Aunt Ora: "Dear Sister Ora, My excuse has always been and is yet, that I can't find time to write, so will write you a few lines this PM on the Co's time. I am all alone in the Power Plant today, but expect Addie out a little later for a visit. The Super & foreman...failed to lay out any work for me so will use a few sheets of the logue book and catch up with some of my correspondence. ...The days are getting long here now and it has been fairly warm, but of

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course we expect cold weather yet, perhaps 30 or 40 below before the final breakup. Addie & I have spent a very nice winter. We have a nice house and plenty of coal which the Co furnishes for me so have kept warm. I have worked steady and sometimes very long hrs too. Worked 203 hrs in the last 15 days so am saving a little money now in spite of the high cost of living up here. I paid \$2 for a doz fresh eggs a few days ago and glad to get them at that price. Of course, they were something extra as we usually get the storage eggs for 85 to 90 cents a doz. Our grocery & meat bill and light, water, etc. will be near \$130 for the month of Mar, so you needn't worry about us staying in Alaska another year. We generally spend our evenings at home, but once in awhile go out for dinner and sometimes take in a dance. Of course, we go to all the Masonic socials and have had very nice times. There have been quite a few dog races this winter, but I've been too busy to enter in any of them. That and skiing are the chief sports up here. Skating has been very bad this winter on account of so much snow. ...I am entirely rid of the fever now & as I have been cold enough to freeze one ear & two fingers once this winter I think all the germs should be frozen out of my system by now, don't you? ...I have a longing for tall timber and the mountains & to hear the crack of my old 30-30 once more. It has been over six years since I was on a camping and hunting trip, so I am earnestly planning a vacation into the wilds of Trinity or Humboldt Co next year. ...I see Addie coming out thru the snow, so will quit for awhile. (NOTE: She was almost 8 months pregnant with me at the time!) ...I didn't get to write any more on this yesterday and since we received your letter of Feb 11th so this will be the answer. Glad to hear you folks had survived the Flu alright. We got quite a few letters to-day, and all were good news so we are feeling quite alright this evening. Hope if Nick quits Brizards that you folks don't leave there as I would like to visit Humboldt Co again...Kindly excuse this paper and poor writing. With love to you all from Andy & Addie."

1923 - 15 May, first child, Alice Elaine Box, born.

1923 - 17 Aug - Excerpt from ESSAYS OF E B WHITE, p190:

"...I strolled about the ghostly town in the bright night and took in the sights--the North Pole Bakery, the Nome Sheet Metal Works, the Dream Theatre, Andrew Box's Elite Baths & Hotel (Steam-Heated Rooms), and Mrs Wanger's red-hot finery." (Sent to me by Lurline Lewis, Judy Box's mother)

1924 - Andy, Addie & Alice returned to Oakland to live in the home (1729 Auseon Avenue) Andy had purchased before leaving for Alaska.

1924 - 7 Oct Application for Examination for Patrolman or Fireman, Municipal Civil Service of Oakland shows that on this date Andrew H Box applied for the position of Patrolman in the Oakland Police Department. He was 32 years old, had been a 'legal resident' of Oakland from 1 Mar 1922 to 6 Oct 1924 - Married; No other family member in Oakland Civil Service; Never convicted or indicted for a crime; physically able to discharge duties of position sought; present occupation Dredgeman... signed by Andrew Box, witnessed by J R Asher, Deputy.

1925 - 16 Jan - Andy became a Patrolman in the Oakland Police Department.

1925 - 7 Feb - Second child, Evelyn Marie Box, born.

1926 - 2 Aug - Third child, first son, Ralph Allen Box, born.

1930's - Aunt Anita's scrapbook - Clipping and picture of Oakland Pistol team shows a very young Andrew H Box, score for the day 188. Highest was 190.

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1930's - Undated op-ed type clipping has tongue in cheek story:

"A DEFECTIVE FISH STORY - Some time ago Captain Lynch developed a fishing complex...Thursday was set apart as the day of days by the anglers and they usually got fish aplenty to supply the Friday demand. When Capt. Bob Tracy got the coveted gold stripes that go with the rank of Captancy, he also took up fishing as a pastime.

"Despite Captain Tracy's maritime experience watching the scavenger fleet, with cargoes of Scotch...Bob did not learn the location of all the pitfalls of the deep. One of the traditions of the sea, the Captain will if necessary go down with his ship. Anyway, Capt. Tracy stayed with his ship when on a recent voyage the revenue cutter hit a sand bar near Hastings Slough. At times there is three hours between tides, anyway, the Captain and his gay party remained on the submerged island three hours with nary a fish in sight. True to form the tide came back and the good ship floated again, but the anchor was left on the island. The heroic Andy Box struck out and swam to the rescue. That is a real news item. It has been said so often about big hearted men that they would give a drowning man an anchor. A man with such determination, sufficient courage to brave the danger of the deep and swim out to rescue an anchor should have a niche in the hall of fame...The return trip was made via Fisherman's Wharf where the catch is always good and all hands aboard went home with the limit for which they were thankful. They could also give thanks to the Good Lord that Capt. Reidy did not come along and tag them for overparking."

1930's - Undated letter to Lt Hemphill of the Oakland Police Dept:

"On the evening of Jan 15th... Weather conditions were bad owing to rain and mist and I was unable to see the officer on duty and missed hitting him by an uncomfortably close margin. Fortunately he was able to avoid my car by some quick foot work... a further word of appreciation of the courteous treatment I received at the hands of Officer Box whom I so nearly ran over..."

1931 - Undated news photo of police champions includes: "A H Box, neat shot with a pistol" and in article: "Not least among the Northern station champions is A H Box, whose uncanny accuracy with a pistol won him second place in a National Rifle Association pistol shoot last year...."

1933 - Andy assigned to the Inspector's Bureau, though still a Patrolman.

1937 - Editorial signed "THE KNAVE" and titled "ANDY": "In its present makeup, the Inspector's Bureau of the Oakland Police Department is a bit lopsided. It could be made a symmetrical institution, composed of nothing but duly certified police inspectors. Only one patrolman stands in the way of it, and although he is admittedly one of the most valuable members of the bureau, he is still a patrolman and not an inspector. Andy Box. "Some years ago, when the economy wave was in full swing and the inspector's bureau was undermanned, the governing powers detached policemen to fill the gap. Lee Trowbridge was there for seven years... Andy Box went to the bureau about four years ago and has been working that way ever since. "Department members admitted that it was a little bit unfair to give a patrolman on patrolman's pay the much greater responsibilities of an inspector who gets much better pay....Andy Box may have to wait around for a while - nobody knows how long - but it is admitted to be unfair to give him the bigger responsibility on the smaller pay, so maybe something may be done about it." (NOTE: It must have worked!!)

1937 - Received appointment as an Inspector, Oakland Police Department.

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1937 -Per Aunt Anita's 1932-38 scrapbook: Picture of Daddy and 4 others, including Lee Trowbridge, as members of the Oakland Police and Firemen's first team in Pistol shooting match. circa 1937.

1940's - Undated San Francisco Chronicle, Part Two Front Page column: "POLICE TO SEEK ANCIENT RIFLE INSIDE A TREE - Oakland Officer in Quest of Historic Gun Imbedded in Heart of Trinity County Maple - Impelled by the possibility that an episode in the early history of the Far West may be bared, two Oakland police inspectors are preparing to spend their vacation in Trinity County cutting a muzzle loading rifle from the trunk of a large maple tree...The inspectors, Andrew H Box and L S Trowbridge, said that they will be directed to the tree by Box's brother, Ruben(sic), who has been in the forest service for the last 27 years. Maps indicate that the tree is located along the Trinity River, near the town of Carrville, and not far from the old Oregon Trail. ...TREE SWALLOWS GUN Just how or when the rifle was placed in the crotch of the tree is a subject for the imagination alone to decide. The maple now is about 20 inches in diameter. It has completely 'swallowed' the ancient weapon with the exception of several inches of the barrel and stock on either end. From rough exterior measurements the gun has a 36 or 38-inch barrel. Whether the maker's name or number is impressed in the iron cylinder is a matter for speculation. ...Box said that by sawing the trunk and counting the annular rings of the maple it will be possible to estimate the year when the rifle was placed by its mysterious owner."

1940 - 5 Mar photo clipping: "FROM SAX TO BULLETS - Bud Smith, left, sax player with Ray Noble's band, is also a crack pistol shot. He stopped off at the Oakland police firing range to try his aim with Lt Andy Box of the Oakland police department...."

1940 - 22 Mar letter to Captain J A Goodnight, Oakland Police Department: "Dear Sir - Last week I had the misfortune of having a leather jacket stolen while I was at work ...I reported it the following morning in spite of a lot of ridicule by some of my PG&E co-workers ...I greatly appreciate your cooperation in finding my property and particularly wish to commend Inspector Box for his courtesy, effort and friendly attitude...William P Gillies"

1942 - 17 Jan Oakland Post-Enquirer clipping: "Last Man's Club Stages Breakfast - Four of the original five members of Oakland police department's 'Last Man's Club' had celebrated their 17 years of service at breakfast today. "In a downtown restaurant, Lieut of Inspectors Jesse Jackson and Inspectors J E Montgomery, Walter E Hawkinson and Harold Boyd sat down to breakfast. "Absent was Inspector Andy H Box, confined to his home because of illness."

1942 - 19 Jan letter from J C Capt, Director, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington DC to Andrew Howell Box: "Dear Sir, The following information about the person named was obtained at the Census of 1900 taken of June 1 of that year - South Fork Township, Trinity County, California, Box, Andrew H, Son, Age 7, b. Dec 1892 in California, enumerated with the family of Samuel P and Elma J Box...The Bureau of the Census does not issue birth certificates, but this record is usually accepted in place of one."

1944 - 9 Nov Dimond Journal front page double-column tribute to Bob Tracy, Chief of Police: "...Chief Tracy is a typical outdoors man. For years he and Inspectors Bill Parry and Andy Box, the latter also an ex-cowpuncher, have gone on annual hunting and fishing trips. 'Bob Tracy is a good cook, too, as well as a good marksman and fisherman,' says Inspector Box."

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1945 - 16 Jan Post-Enquirer, "100 Years on Police Force- FIVE POLICE AIDES FETE ANNIVERSARY "One hundred years of service to the Oakland police department was celebrated today by 'The Unholy Five.' Veterans of 100 years with the department, five men who joined the department Jan 16 1925, held their annual reunion breakfast today at the Chimes restaurant. (Same names as in above 1942 Note) They have served under five different police chiefs, worked on the first patrol cars and on the first two-way radio cars in Oakland."

1945 - 10 Oct - Honorary Life Membership of Madison Street Temple Association conferred on Andrew Box for assistance in preserving the temple for Masonry.

1946 - 4 Dec Elmhurst Chapter #455 OES installed Andrew H Box as Worthy Patron.

1947 - 16 Jan Oakland Post-Enquirer photo captioned: "Officers at 22nd Annual Breakfast - Still together - Five Oakland men in 1925 sat down to breakfast celebrating their joint acceptance on the police force--and each year they've repeated the event. Still together in the department, they toasted the future with orange juice this morning. Attending were...(Same as above)

1947 - 27 Aug Oakland Post-Enquirer Front Page story with headline "11 ARRESTED IN \$50,000 OAKLAND BURGLARY RING" and nine headshots of gang members bannered above the headline, has photo captioned: "Inspectors Norman Deuel (left) and Andy Box are shown examining radio 'walkie-talkie' allegedly used by Oakland area burglary and safe-cracking gang rounded up today."

1947 - 3 Sep invitation from "Leona and Andy," Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Elmhurst Chapter OES: "The gypsy kettle is brewing A welcome warm and true, A lot of fun and laughter, And happiness just for you. Matrons and Patrons Party"

1947 - 8 Dec photostatic copy, Delayed Certificate of Birth from Department of Public Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, CA for Andrew Howell Box... Proof he submitted was the 1942 Bureau of Census document and his 1924 application for Patrolman, Oakland Police Department, both entered above.

1947 - "STIRLING CITY PERSONALS - Mr and Mrs Andrew Box, Allen Box and Mr and Mrs Norman Box of Oakland were overnight guests of Mr and Mrs Reuben Box Friday. Saturday they went to Red Bluff to attend the rodeo."

1949 - Undated clipping: "2 POLICE OFFICERS GET RETIREMENTS - Retirement of two veteran police officers - Inspector Andrew H Box... approved today by the Board of Trustees of the Police Relief and Pension Administration. Box, 56, a veteran of 24 years service in the department, has been assigned to the pawnshop detail for the last 10 years. He was appointed patrolman on January 16 1925, and was promoted to inspector in 1937..."

1949 - 3 Jan Letter from Robert P Tracy, Chief of Police, City of Oakland Police Department: "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This letter will introduce Inspector of Police Andrew H Box, who retired from the Oakland Police Department on January 1, 1949. ...Inspector Box has been a member of the Oakland Police Department since January 16, 1925, and during the years has been a conscientious and capable officer, held in high esteem not only by his fellow Police Officers but also by the general public as well. He has been a credit to the Oakland Police Department, and I cannot recommend him too highly..."

1949 - Aunt Anita's 1945-49 scrapbook clipping: "Mr and Mrs

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Reuben P Box of Stirling City, Mr and Mrs Andrew Box of Oakland, Mrs Nick Matzen of Petaluma and Mrs Elmer Martin of Manteca are guests of Mr and Mrs Carl Smith of Hat Creek. The Mesdames Boxes each bagged their bucks while here. Reuben Box is a ranger, formerly at Hat Creek station."

1951 - Jan Oakland Tribune photo captioned: "Survivors of a group of eight policemen who joined the Oakland force together 26 years ago celebrate their anniversary as breakfast guests of Attorney Augustin Donovan (Standing, left) Seated are Lieut. Walter Hawkinson and Juvenile Officer Harold Boyd. Standing: Inspector James Montgomery and Andrew Box, retired."

1952 - 17 Jun document from the State of California Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry proclaims: "Know all to whom these Presents shall come: That Andrew H Box of Paynes Creek, County of Tehama, CA, is hereby appointed a Voluntary Firewarden in and for the County of Tehama...Badge No 1378, (signed) W D Winters, Deputy State Forester"

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has year-end letter from Alice: "Addie and Andy were in Los Angeles for a brief visit the first part of the year. Since Andy's retirement several years ago, they have been living near Mt Lassen (Lyman Springs) from April until October, during which time Andy works for the Diamond Match Lumber Company. They usually spend the holidays in Oakland, then travel around the country from Jan until April."

1955 - 10 Jun Admission card for admission to the United States Senate Chamber Reserved Gallery for the 84th Congress issued to Mr Andrew Box.

1955-56 - Addie and Andy lived at Turner Ranch in Payne's Creek.

1962 - 3 May postcard from Andy and Addie in Seattle to Reuben and Anita in Stirling City: "Dear Folks, We ate in the restaurant on top of the needle yesterday. We are having a good time and seeing a great world's fair. Will be home next Sun. I am writing from the Masonic Club on the fair grounds. We have both done a lot of walking but feel very good. See you soon. Andy & Addie"

1962 - 24 Jun - Aunt Anita's 1962 scrapbook has the invitation to Addie and Andy's 40th wedding anniversary party:
"1922 - 1962 - In honour of the Fortieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Andrew Box their son and daughters request the pleasure of your company on Sunday, the twenty-fourth of June from two until five o'clock..."

1962 -Aug - During the summer, Andy, Addie, Ken and Alice drove to Seattle for the World's Fair, stopping to see Mother's relatives and Alice and Ken's friends in that area. It was the second trip to the Fair for Addie and Andy, but they enjoyed it as much or more the second time around.

1963 - pre - March invitation to attend 8th Annual Reunion of WWI 10th Engineers (Forestry) hosted by Co F has a sketch of a rocket with the 3 "see-hear-speak-no-evil" monkeys seated to the right dressed in astronaut suits and marked "Jim, Ed, Andy." Daddy was instrumental in setting up these reunions and they were most often held at the Hotel Senator in Sacramento.

1964 - 4,5 Apr - Daddy was at the Saturday night banquet of his 9th Annual Reunion of the above group at the Hotel Senator in Sacramento when he received news of Aunt Ora's automobile accident and serious injury. This evidently caused his aneurysm to burst, and despite the efforts of

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doctors at the hospital in Sacramento, he died Sunday, 5 Apr.

1964 - Aunt Anita's 1964 scrapbook has a 7 Apr Oakland Tribune obituary: "Andrew Box - Funeral services are scheduled tomorrow for retired Oakland Police Inspector Andrew Box, 71, who spent 24 years on the force before his retirement in 1948. "Mr Box, a native Californian, joined the Oakland Police Department on January 16, 1925. By 1933 he had gained such respect that he was assigned to the Inspector's Bureau, though still only a Patrolman. In 1937, Mr Box was singled out as one of the bureau's most valuable members. By September of 1937 he had gained an Inspector's appointment. As an inspector, Mr Box was assigned to the pawnshop detail, where he remained until his retirement. ...Mr Box is survived by his wife, Addie Ruth; his two daughters, Mrs Alice Ramsay and Mrs Evelyn Behm; and a son, Allen. He also leaves seven grandchildren....He was a member of Elmhurst Lodge No 610 F & AM; a past patron of Elmhurst Chapter 455, OES; Aahmes Temple of the Shrine, AAONMS of Oakland, and Scottish Rite Bodies of Oakland. ...The services will be held at 3 pm in the Fruitvale chapel of the Clarence N Cooper Mortuary... "Interment... Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno Grave 4372, Section Y."

1964 - Apr 26 letter from Walker Alderton to Alice: "We were in Mexico when your mother's telegram caught up with us announcing your father's death. Be assured of our sympathy, and of the warm personal esteem in which we held your father. Andrew Box was not just the ordinary man. Rather, he caught on to life's opportunity and demand to live on the growing edge - he was an original, in companionships as in duty. Cora and I cherish the memory of every visit in the home. I've told Addie that the recollection of these seasons of visiting is something not to be forgotten. Our first visit to the Oakland place occurred in 1928 when the three of you were youngsters."

1988 - 18 Jul - Addie Ruth (MEAL) BOX died in Crestwood Convalescent Hospital in Fremont.

1991 - 30 March clipping in the Redding newspaper, sent to me by Beryl, announced the death of Irene VOLLMERS, who was Irene Maude (VAN MATRE) BOX.



Left - Andy and Irene,
abt 1917



Right - Andy Box, Badge #134,
Oakland Police Dept
as of 16 Jan 1925



Addie and Andy Box in front
of their home in Fremont, CA
Early 1960's

Christmas at Evelyn's & Don's in San
Mateo, 1981: Standing: Lurline, Judy,
Jon, Katie, Sandy, Allen; Sitting:
Glenn, Addie, Alice, Paul, Mark;
Front: Evelyn, Don, Tammy & Laurel.



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 1896 - Irene Maude VAN MATRE b 1896, Minersville, Trinity Co, CA
 Parents: John Chandler VAN MATRE & Bertha ?
 m 1) Andrew Howell BOX 20 Oct 1912, Weaverville, Trinity Co, CA (div)
 m 2) ? VOLLMERS
 d 30 Mar 1991, Redding, Shasta Co, CA

PLEASE see Andrew Howell BOX and Anita Elsie ANDERLINI Notes also.

1911 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook lists 31 graduates from grammar school:
 Irene Van Matre among the five highest in the class. Aunt Anita listed
 in the same graduating class, from Lewiston. Irene listed from Minersville.

1912 - 20 Oct - married Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX in Weaverville. (div 1919)

1921 - Same source: 1)"DEATHS: VAN MATRE - In Minersville, Trinity County,
 August 19...John Chandler Van Matre... father of...Mrs Irene Box of Delta...
 ...and a few pages later, another clipping: "OLD SETTLER SUICIDES
 -...Minersville, Trinity Co, August 22 - Despondent on account of ill health
 ...John C Van Matre,.. killed himself when alone in the house. Members
 of the family, hearing the crack of the rifle, went to his room and found
 him lying dead on the floor....funeral in Weaverville...(He) had spent nearly
 all his life...on his farm. It is one of the show places of the county..."

1944 -Same source: Obituary indicates that Irene Van Matre married again after
 divorcing Andy BOX:"... Bertram L Van Matre...brother of Mrs Irene Vollmers..."

1958 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has a California Sketch by Herbert L Phillips:
 "VAN MATRE RANCH, Minersville, Trinity County, in possession
 of the Van Matre family for 105 years will be 287 feet under water when the
 Trinity Reservoir is filled after completion of the Trinity River Dam. It has
 been a stage coach and wagon train station, community center, hotel, postoffice
 and polling place. The 15-room ranch house was built in 1902 after two others
 had burned." Sketch at bottom right is labeled: "One of the oldest buildings on
 the ranch was originally a blacksmith shop, serving freight and stage teams."

1973 - Mar -Same source: "Yep, it's already rained 75 inches in Vollmers,
 by Garth Sanders. VOLLMERS - When it rains here, even the frogs jump into
 their lifejackets....Mrs Irene Vollmers, 77, who tended the Vollmers weather
 station with her late husband for 32 years before her retirement in 1967,
 says the heaviest rains came in 1958 - a total of 127 inches for the year..."

1991 - My cousin, Beryl (BOX) ORNER was visiting her granddaughter in Redding
 in late March when she just happened to see the following clipping in the
 Redding newspaper and sent it to me:
 "DEATHS...Irene Vollmers, 95, of Redding died Saturday at Canyonwood Nursing
 Center in Redding. Arrangements are pending at McDonald's Redding Chapel."
 Beryl had told me Irene had Alzheimer's Disease and was in a Convalescent
 Hospital. She said in her 9 April 1991 letter,".....I saw this clipping in the
 paper - to my surprise. I thought she was already gone - but now we all know!"
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1896 - Addie Ruth MEAL b 22 Nov 1892, Canton, Lewis Co, MO

Parents: Ralph William MEAL & Mattie Harwood MOORE
 m Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX 21 Jun 1922, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 d 18 Jul 1988, Crestwood Convalescent Hospital, Fremont, Alameda Co, CA
 bur Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co, CA

PLEASE see notes for Andrew H BOX also.

Because I furnished the genealogy and edited a book on my mother's Moore family history, published in Jan 1984, I have kept her Notes to a minimum in this book. Her family came to California from Missouri in a covered wagon about 1901. Anyone interested in further information is welcome to contact me.

1922 - 21 Jun - married Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX (See his Notes)

1939 - 6 Dec, 8:30PM, Installation of Officers Elmhurst Chapter #455 Order of the Eastern Star program includes: "Addie Ruth Box, Worthy Matron; Flag Bearer, Allen Box; Flag Escort, Dolores Goodwin and Evelyn Box; Accompanist, Alice Elaine Box; Soprano, Jean Frazer (Alice's best friend in high school).

1947 - 1964 - From the time Ken and I were married in 1947 until Daddy's death in 1964, Mother and Daddy came South several times a year, almost always at Easter and Thanksgiving, during which time we visited both Mother's and Daddy's relatives, went to the museums, various gardens, the beach and on driving excursions around Los Angeles. Sometimes they would bring some of the grandchildren with them. They were here for a particularly pleasant visit just a few weeks before Daddy died in April 1964. We went up there as often as possible and were always there for Christmas at the Behms with the entire family.

1953 - Excerpt from Alice's Christmas letter: "...Alice's family are all fine: her folks were in Los Angeles for a brief visit the first part of the year. Since her father's retirement several years ago, they have been living near Mt Lassen from about April to October (during which time Andy works for the Diamond Match Lumber Company). They usually spend the holidays in Oakland, then travel around the country from January until April. Allen and Judy (and Jon Andrew Box as of the middle of June 1953...the first grandson in the family) live in the family home..."

1957 - Excerpt from Alice's Christmas letter: "Mother and Daddy were not able to come South this year, partly due to their buying a new home in Fremont. Their new home is almost directly across the bay from Evelyn and Don. Daddy still goes fishing and hunting every year, and is still one of the best in both sports. Although he has suffered several heart attacks in the past three years, he has been feeling much better recently, and getting away from all the steps (a four-level home with two steep terraces in the back...and I know how steep they are because Allen and I were paid 5 cents a foot to dig them out in the late 30's!) of the Hampel St house should further insure his good health..."

1964 - 19 May - Letter from Addie to Anita and Reuben Box:

"Thanks for your nice long newsy letter, Anita....I particularly want to ask you what you would like me to do with the seven volumes of Bancroft's books which belonged to your father, Reuben. I talked to my children about them and believe they do a great deal more reading than yours. All of them agreed they are not particularly suitable for a home library but suggested, if agreeable with you, that they be given to the Bancroft Library of the University of California, which is widely used as a research and reference Library. As you perhaps know, your father's name, Glen Ellen, Sonoma County and the date of

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 purchase of each book is written in the front in his own handwriting. Please let me know...If you want this done I will contact the Library and see if they want them and will arrange to take them over if they do. They are not consecutive volumes but are numbered IV, V, VII, IX, X, XI and XV. "I sold our place last Saturday morning so have to think of disposing of many things, among them many books....Alice's school will be out June 19th and she will come up shortly afterward and help me do the final packing and moving. ... Evelyn is looking (for an apartment) for me now...

I am alone most of the time but try to get out a little while almost every day: worked at the hospital yesterday afternoon and am going to Chapter, 'Mothers' Night' tomorrow....Evelyn and family have been over every weekend. Alice flew up one weekend to be with me. Had real nice letters from Judy & Allen last week and a beautiful vase for Mother's Day.

"Evelyn and Don picked up Christine (Box) in San Jose then... we drove over to Fran's. She had a lovely dinner for us on Mother's Day. Fran invited me...to Christine's 'coming out' party and I am looking forward to going.

"I called Ila Grace's home tonight and Nick answered the phone. He was there alone as Ila & Ben had gone to a meeting. He seemed very glad to talk to me. ...seems quite despondent and says as soon as he gets his teeth he is going out to Utah and Colorado and visit awhile.....

"Please let me know about these books...You are quite welcome to have them if you want them. Lovingly, Addie....PS Please thank Tommy and Harold for the lovely trout. I have been on a very strict diet so have not been able to eat them yet but think I can in a very short time. I will write them soon..."

1964 - 2 Jun - Letter to Mrs Andrew Box from George P Hammond, Director of the Bancroft Library, University of California:

"...Thank you for your letter of May 28, offering to give seven volumes of Bancroft's works to this Library. We shall be very happy to have them. In fact, if you prefer, I would be glad to stop at your home and pick the books up sometime, since they are so very heavy, and hence so difficult to pack. If this meets with your pleasure, just drop me a note...and I shall call for the books.

1964 - 7 Jun - Letter from Addie to Anita and Reuben: "Thanks so much for your prompt reply about the books. I wrote to the Library at U.C. right away and am enclosing their letter.... I was busy here in the house when the phone rang and it was Mr Hammond, Director of the Bancroft Library. He said he was in Irvington, on his way to San Jose, and would be glad to pick up the books if it would be convenient for me... (He) was delighted to get the books. He wanted your name, Reuben, and your address; said he was going to write you and see if there was any correspondence about the books when your father purchased them and any information you could give them when he bought them, so that I would let you know and you may have a little time to think about it...

Naturally I have been very busy: have so much stuff to go thru here and am trying to dispose of things where they will do the most good. Evelyn and Don can use some things and will store some of my things. They are taking the freezer so they put 9-1/2 qts of berries in it today and will put more in when school is out. Am giving some of the berries to the new owners...

"Arleen's (Matzen) graduation is going on now: am sure you received an announcement. Norman called last week, saying he had talked with Ila Grace. Nick had just had surgery on his mouth and was not feeling very well.

"If my plans go thru as expected, Alice will go with me. We plan to leave S.F. July 11th, go...to New York City, leave NYC the 15th, arrive in Copenhagen 8AM 16th, leave there the 21st and arrive in Paris the same day. Judy or Allen will either meet us there about the 24th or we will take a train to Nancy. Alice has to return about Aug 23rd. I'll see how I'm standing the

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trip by that time and if all is well may remain there until September or October. I don't mind coming home alone but would not have attempted the whole trip alone. All the family have been urging me to make the trip: do think it will do me good to get away awhile after everything is settled.

"Evelyn, David and I went to the cemetery Friday afternoon before Memorial Day. I took lovely flowers from our yard. The stone was not in place yet but the flower container I ordered was there so we had a place to put the flowers. "Evelyn and family were here today and we went to the Hickory Pit for Mark's 10th birthday dinner. That was his choice. I plan to stay at Evelyn's from the latter part of this month until we leave for Europe. Alice's school will be out the 19th & she will come the following week to help me move..Lovingly, Addie"

1964 - Following her return from Europe in late Fall, Mother moved to an apartment in San Mateo near Evelyn's and lived there until 1968 when she bought a manor at Rossmoor (Leisure World) Retirement Community in Walnut Creek. She was very happy and active there until 1982 - involved with the Needlework Guild particularly, and a social group that played Mah Jongg every week.

1982 - 22 May - I visited Mother the last week of May at her Rossmoor Manor. Glen fell from the roof and broke his back 1 June, so I came home 3 June, even though we suspected Mother had pneumonia. Mother went to the hospital Wed 15 Jun, the same day Glen came home from the hospital in a cast. 14 Nov I went north to help Mother prepare to move to Evelyn and Don's. She had sold her manor at Rossmoor and Evelyn and Don wanted her to live with them as she was in more pain and becoming more feeble. From that time on we usually went north at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to stay with Mother in San Mateo while Evelyn and Don visited their children in Southern California, and Evelyn and Don brought her down here to visit us each summer.

1983 - 20 Jun Evelyn and Don brought Mother to stay with us until 13 Aug, during which time she visited Glen's Orthopedic surgeon, Dr Flinders, who advised her to have the hip replacement surgery to relieve her constant pain. The surgery was successful insofar as the hip went, but the surgeon cut her sciatic nerve during surgery, causing severe pain for the next several years.

1984 - 15 Jun - Evelyn and Don brought Mother for her summer visit until 10 Aug. It was difficult for her to go out very much, but she enjoyed the air conditioning Glen had installed earlier in the year.

1985 - 12 Jun - Mother came home from San Mateo with me following my week in San Francisco to see Wagner's RING cycle. She was to stay with us for the entire summer, but on 2 Aug entered Emergency at St Joseph Medical Center because of an apparent stroke. She remained there until 14 Aug when I flew north with her to meet Allen and take her to Crestwood Convalescent Hospital. From that time until her death in 1988, I spent approximately 1 week a month visiting her in Fremont. Evelyn and Don were both still teaching, but they came to see her almost every weekend and very frequently in between during those years. Allen's office was just a block away from the hospital, so he stopped by almost every day to see her. Judy came several times a week, and our close cousin, Mary Jean, visited Mother almost weekly.

1988 - 18 Jul - After almost 3 years at Crestwood Convalescent Hospital in Fremont, Alameda Co, CA, Mother lapsed into a non-responsive state on Mon, 11 Jul and died one week later on Mon 18 Jul, never having regained consciousness. She was not in pain and died peacefully. She was buried next to my father in Golden Gate National Cemetery, Section Y, #4372.

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The following obituary appeared in THE ARGUS Thurs 21 Jul 1988:

"ADDIE BOX. FREMONT - Addie Box died of heart failure Monday at Crestwood Convalescent Hospital in Fremont. She was 91. "Box, a native of Missouri and former San Mateo resident, was a homemaker. She was a member of Eastern Star Elmhurst Chapter in Castro Valley. "She is survived by two daughters, Alice Akins of Los Angeles and Evelyn Behm of San Mateo; one son, Allen Box of Fremont; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grand- children. The family wishes that remembrances be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in San Francisco...Private family services will be held, and a private burial will take place at Golden Gate National Cemetery."



Above: Addie Box on her 75th birthday at Evelyn & Don's home. Nov 1971



Evelyn, Allen & Alice, Feb 1991 at Evelyn & Don's home in San Mateo.

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 1923 - Alice Elaine BOX b 15 May 1923, Nome, Alaska

Parents: Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX & Addie Ruth MEAL

m 1) Kenneth George RAMSAY 2 Aug 1947, Piedmont, Alameda Co, CA (d 1969)

m 2) Glen AKINS 30 Oct 1970, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA

1923 - From the Nome Nugget newspaper, "STORK VISITS NOME HOME

"Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Box announce the arrival of a 7-1/2 pound baby girl who made her appearance Thursday morning May 15th. Both mother and child are in the hospital under the care of Dr. Welch who report his patients as progressing nicely. In honor of the young lady's arrival, a brand new flag was flung to the breeze from the Elite Bath House flag pole."

1923 - "Mr & Mrs Andrew Box announce the arrival of Alice Elaine on May 15, 1923, Weight 7-1/2 lbs." - in Mother's handwriting.

1923 - Western Union Telegram via Seattle from Nome, Alaska May 15 1923: "Mrs Mattie Meal, 1448 Madison St, Oakland Calif - Alice Elaine arrived one forty am seven one half pounds everything all right - Andrew Box 451A May 16"

1923 - 18 May note from Aunt Ora in Arcata: "So glad to hear of Alice Elaine's arrival. Hope mother and daughter are all right. And it's such a pretty name we think. We hope to entertain you all this fall as soon as you return to 'God's Country.' Lovingly, Ora Matzen, Arcata, May 18, 1923."

1939 -16 Oct letter-Alice to her mother: "Dear Mama, Daddy got home this morning about 2:00. He slept with Brother. He crowded Brother over so much that Brother had to get up two or three times and walk around the bed and get in in back of Daddy... This morning he took Mrs Nelson home.

He had breakfast with George Peters. Then he stopped and talked with Jack Brain and then came home and worked in the garden. He cleaned up the basement, too. You'd NEVER recognize it!!!... Mrs Nelson was swell. There was one thing she did that I sure liked. She dished everything up in the kitchen right out of the kettles. There weren't HALF as many dishes as there usually are. You can be SURE I didn't complain about THAT. She washed the dishes but we did everything else. "You couldn't guess who I skated with last night: the Pacific Coast Dancing champion of 1938-1939, Lloyd "Skippy" Baxter. Mr Allen told me I have to give an exhibition next Sunday night. Daddy said he would come down and watch me. "It's almost seven o'clock and I still have to wash the dishes and do ALL my homework, so I had better close..."Uncle Reuben can't come unless it rains, but Aunt Anita and Beryl are coming anyway, they think. Norman and Daddy went hunting together a lot. Norman caught a deer that had EIGHT points on one side and SIX on the other. "Well, good night and write SOON. Love, Alice (and at the end of letter: "Dear Addie, I think Alice has written all the news. I am feeling fine. Was tired this morning but feel better now. Just fooled around today. Take your time and enjoy yourself as we are all getting along fine. With love, Andy"and a separate letter, same date, from Allen: "Dear Mama, I'm very sleepy because daddy crowded me out of bed last night at about 2:00 o'clock and I didn't go back to sleep until 3:30. Daddy got two deer, a Mule deer and a Black Tail. I hope this letter is a success. Your loving son, Allen Box"

1937-41 - Studied Piano and Theory with William Nichols, owner of the Oakland Conservatory of Music. Accompanied choral groups at Oakland High School and did arrangements for instrumental groups.

1941 - Attended Mills College as a Special Music Student on scholarship; studied Orchestration and Counterpoint with the French composer, Darius

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Milhaud; and Music History with the San Francisco Chronicle Music & Art Critic, Alfred Frankenstein; Worked in the Music Library.

1941 - 7-8 Dec - Alice skated in Elks Club Annual Benefit Christmas Show.

1941-42 - Worked for Postal Telegraph in San Francisco as 1) messenger; 2) teletype operator; 3) Branch Office Manager; 4) last job was Money Order Agent for the City of San Francisco.

1942-44 - Scholarship Student at the Sherwood Music School for 6 months, then transferred to the University of Chicago on scholarship: studied music with Remi Gassmann and Scott Goldthwaite. Worked in Chemistry Dept on campus, with Drs Fermi, Uhri, Oppenheimer, Lawrence, etc, not knowing that the items I ordered for them as a student clerk were for the Manhattan Project under the ice rink where I skated every winter. Most of these scientists loved music. Continued to work at night for Postal Telegraph to supplement family allowance. Lived with the Harold E Fey family, friends of my cousin Walker Alderton, Dean of student assignments at the Christian Theological Seminary. The Feys became lifelong friends, and almost like a second family to me.

1944-45 - Worked in the Oakland Police Department Identification Bureau.

1945 - 25 April letter from Alice to Aunt Ora: "...Evie told me about Uncle Nick's calling yesterday, and so I am excited about going to L A with him.... "You may have heard by now that we had a real family reunion last weekend. Norm and Fran got here about three... and we all went out to dinner and then to a show. Well, when we got home from the show, who should come to the door but Allen. You can imagine our surprise because we hadn't the slightest notion that he was coming home... But he had a three-day pass...and hitch-hiked home. Of course, he was only here Saturday night and Sunday, but it was certainly wonderful to see him...Allen looks so good in his uniform... He likes it so much at Victorville. He calls it the 'Country Club with an airstrip.' He says the food is wonderful, the officers are very nice, in general, and the opportunities for getting passes and leaves almost too good to believe. He thinks he will be down there at least 10 months, so we think he is pretty lucky...Norman and Fran left about eleven Sunday morning for Santa Monica, where they will be for about three weeks, I guess. Having Norm and Allen both home in the same weekend was really something to celebrate. Norman is more like a brother in our family than a cousin. He didn't exactly succeed in convincing Fran that Weaverville...or the mountains in general...is the place to live 'and be happy ever after.'...Aunt Elma phoned yesterday, and Mother and Daddy went down to see her last night. She had just received a letter from Billy, and he was fine....still around Okinawa, she thinks. He can't be transferred to a submarine until he is 21 years old, so is still on the USS Brazos..."

1945 - Moved to Los Angeles in August, and on 5 Sept began working for the American Broadcasting Company in Hollywood as a script typist. In December became Assistant to the Continuity Editor, Dorothy Brown, who at 85 as of last month, is still one of my most treasured friends. Lived with Connie and Noel Edwards in their very large home in Hollywood. Connie was an inspiration and good friend until she died at the age of 101 in 1990.

1946 - ABC sponsored trip to New York City, thanks to my mentor, Dorothy Brown, to train under the Legal Department for the newly-created position of Literary Rights Editor.

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1947 - "Betrothed - Miss Alice Elaine Box, Mr Kenneth George Ramsay."

1947 - "Mr and Mrs Andrew H Box request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Alice Elaine to Mr Kenneth G Ramsay on Saturday, (Aug 2-my brother's 21st birthday!) at 8PM Piedmont Community Church, (card enclosed): Reception immediately following the ceremony..."

1947 - Clipping with photo: "Mrs Kenneth G Ramsay wearing her lace wedding gown and veil. She was Alice Elaine Box before her marriage. - Christie photo (Don Christie was Ken's Academy Award-winning cousin who took all of our wedding pictures)...Now ensconced in their new home in Los Angeles are the just-married Alice Elaine Box and Kenneth G Ramsay, ... Attendants were her sister, Mrs Donnal Behm of Oakland, Mrs Robert Ramsay and Miss Fay Owen of Hollywood...The bride attended the University of Chicago. She is the daughter of Andrew Howell Box... Oakland. Mrs Jean Ramsay of Glendale is the mother of the bridegroom. (Note: Jean made the wedding dress.) ...Robert Ramsay of Berkeley had the role of best man for his brother. Seating the guests were Messrs Don Griffith of Los Angeles; Allen Box, brother of the bride, and Donnal Behm of Oakland. "The couple left for a Carmel honeymoon before going to Southern California."

1949 - Resigned from ABC, but returned on a short-term basis for next 3 years to assist with transition from Radio to TV.

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has year-end letter from Alice: "Alice is still working for ABC-Hollywood (she went back to work on a permanent basis in June 1952) as Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Manager of Engineering and General Services. The work mainly involves TV production. The advent of 3-D TV on an experimental basis by ABC this year was one of the highlights, plus the present frantic interest in color TV." See Ken Ramsay Notes for information on his first open heart surgery in 1953.

1954 - Alice went to Europe for the first time, beginning with a stay at the Waldorf Towers apartment of an ABC friend, and a lovely 'bon voyage' visit from Marcia Hurt (Judy Box's sister) before leaving on the Ile de France liner for England. Visited Ken's family in England and Scotland; went to the Edinburgh Music and Drama Festival for 4 days before going on to Holland; to Germany for a Rhine River steamer trip and visit with an old ABC friend; to Paris, the Orient Express to spectacular Switzerland; to Italy: Florence, Rome, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri. The grand finale was four days at the Carlton Hotel in Cannes on the French Riviera before flying home from Paris. It was intended to be an overview of as much of Britain and Europe as possible, and that is exactly what it was. Subsequent trips have centered on one area only.

1955 - 30 Oct, with the help of Alice's parents, Addie & Andy Box, Alice & Ken moved into their first home - a dream come true. (NOTE: Still there!)

1957-59 - Alice transferred from ABC Television Center to the Walt Disney Studio in Burbank as a part of the ABC-Disney liaison team.

1958 - Ken had his second open heart surgery and was in the hospital from January until August. See his Notes for details. A difficult year. Alice enrolled at San Fernando Valley State College to work toward a teaching credential and M.A. degree with a major in Music and minor in History.

1959 - When the Disney programs switched to NBC, Alice returned to ABC TV Center as Network Commercial Coordinator for the Western Division, but

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 soon decided that education should be the priority for this year, so in June resigned from ABC for the last time. Enrolled in classes as a full-time student.

1960 - B.A. from San Fernando Valley State College (later Cal State Northridge) conferred 9 June, 6PM in the Second Annual Commencement Exercises.

1960 - Ken & Alice to Belgium & Britain for 6 weeks. Left Montreal and went out through the St Lawrence Seaway and across the Atlantic on a small Dutch ship, picked up a Volkswagen Beetle in Brussels - visited Norman & Fran Box in Brussels, Belgium; Judy, Allen & family near Ipswich, England and all of Ken's aunt's uncles & cousins in England Scotland & Wales.

1963 - After a year of student teaching, classes and writing her Master's thesis: AURELIO DE LA VEGA, HIS LIFE AND HIS MUSIC, for an M.A. in Music conferred by San Fernando Valley State in June, Alice accepted a position as a music teacher at Robert Louis Stevenson Junior High School in East Los Angeles, an inner city school with 98% Hispanic studentbody.

1964 - After Daddy's death in April, Mother and I made plans to visit Judy, Allen and the boys in France: Mother's first trip abroad. We established a "base" at the Box Villa on the Moselle, and from there went to Copenhagen, East and West Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Salzburg and an exciting side trip for me to Bayreuth for the first time to see the Wanger "Ring"...thanks to Judy.

1968 - Ken and I were to have left for Australia and New Zealand on 2 Aug, but he returned to the hospital in late July.

1969 - Ken had his third open heart surgery on 15 Jan and died the next night. We had invited his cousin, Anne Bingham, from Birmingham, England to visit the summer of 1969. She and I had a great summer, seeing California from San Diego to San Francisco in great detail, ending with an exciting and scenic pack trip into the Sierra wilderness with Judy, Allen, their family and friends-- a new new experience for an embroidery professor and designer, and one she loved. Lurline Lewis' husband died later in the year, and she invited me to go to the South Pacific with her in November: Fiji; Thanksgiving in New Zealand; Sydney Canberra & Melbourne; Singapore, where her daughter, Marcia, met us; Bangkok, Marcia, Lee and their 2 children were living. Lee was an exchange professor from Dartmouth teaching at the University in Bangkok. Lurline stayed to spend Christmas with her family while I went on alone to Cambodia to see Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom; Christmas in Taipei; Tokyo during their grand celebration of New Year's when everyone from toddler to the most ancient turn out in their very best kimonos....a gorgeous sight even in 29 degree weather! Returned home on New Year's Day in Los Angeles, having had two New Year's Days for the first and probably last time in my life.

1970 - I finally made it back to Alaska to see my birthplace as well as a few other places: took the Alaskan Ferry from Seattle up the Inside Passage, got off and explored at every stop--enjoyed the native Alaskans on the Ferry. I even found a challenging cribbage partner!-- disembarked at Skagway, expecting to take the famous train to White Horse. A RR strike at midnight forced us to take a tiny little purple and yellow plane out of Skagway. It squeaked and rattled and one door wouldn't close as we climbed the side of the mountain in the little put-put, but it made it! Took the bus to Fairbanks, then flew to Nome - a thrill for me to see the place I had heard my parents, an aunt and 2 uncles talk about all their lives....and literally, my "hometown." After a few extra days in Nome, flew down to Anchorage, the "big city" before flying home.

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1970 - Alice began doing Volunteer work for various music organizations and public radio and TV stations, and was very active until the mid-1980's. As of 1991 she will work on the Hollywood Bowl Children's Open House for the 18th year; and still assists with Guild Opera's children's programs. Also began playing tennis again - continued until 1987.

1970 - 30 Oct, married Glen Akins, a long-time friend from ABC: Invitation found in Uncle Reuben's book of memories in my mother's handwriting: "Buffet Lunch and Reception for Alice and Glen Akins on December 27, 1970 (1-5PM) Home of Judy and Allen Box... Judy and Allen Box, Evelyn and Donnal Behm, Addie Box. No Gifts. Please reply to: Addie R Box...." This was a lovely reception and family party which afforded Glen an opportunity to meet both sides of the family...and to become an official member of the "Box In-Law Protective Society", started by Don Behm, Judy Box, Fran Box and Ken Ramsay.

1973 - I retired from teaching in June, and we went to Spain and Portugal in October. Spent one week in Lisbon, then by train to Sevilla, Spain where we rented a car for a month. Before leaving we had made arrangements to rent a condominium in Fuengirola, a little fishing village on the Costa del Sol, from there to Morocco, saw Gibraltar, and drove all over Southern Spain before going East and up the East Coast to Barcelona. After a most wonderful week in Barcelona, took the train to Madrid for a week before flying home.

1975 - Went with a Los Angeles County Museum of Art group to the Soviet Union for the first time....and our first guided tour. Went to Moscow first, then to Kiev, down to Yalta, and up to Leningrad before flying home from London.

1977 - Glen had retired from ABC, so we spent two entire months driving through all parts of Great Britain, visiting Ken's family, seeing the incomparable countryside, attending the Edinburgh Festival, going to both the Isle of Skye and some of the isles off the West Coast near Oban, and a very exciting week in London walking our legs off and attending the theatre almost every night.

1979 - Went to Germany for two months, renting a car and driving every Autobahn available as well as most of the Romantische Strasse down to Munich and Oktoberfest. We again had a Rhine River steamer trip, went to Bayreuth and both East and West Berlin. Stopped in London for theatre, museums & concerts, then north to the Midlands and west to Wales to see some of the Ramsay family.

1981 - May - Went to China for the first time, travelling for the first part of the trip with the US/China Peoples Friendship Association: To Narita, Japan first; then Beijing -- we had taken some dairy equipment over for one of the communes, and that afforded us a unique experience; flew to Chengdu; Chungking where Glen lived for 3 years during WWII; 2 days through the Yangtze River gorges, ending at the Ichang dam; by train to Wuhan; Canton, where the tour ended for everyone else. However, because of Glen's friendship with Soong Ching Ling (Mme Sun Yat-Sen) when he was in Chungking, she approved a private 10-day tour for us: visited Shanghai, where Glen had lived for a year and worked for the State Department; to Hangzhou; Suzhou, the "Venice of the East" where we had the unforgettable experience of meeting Beverly Sills; Guilin; then to Japan ...Glen's first visit to Japan. He had trained a young Japanese TV engineer a few years previous, and this man was a most generous host during our stay. We stayed in Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo before flying home.

1983 - 28 July - Andrew Christian Behm born, my sister's grandson, my grand-

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nephew, to David and Sandy Behm - an event which brought untold happiness to everyone in the family, and especially us because until the summer of 1990 we had the privilege of seeing Andrew at least once a week when we were at home, and sometimes for several weeks at a time when his mother was in Washington DC. Andrew and I have visited almost every museum and park in the Los Angeles area, have "played" tennis, ice skated, flown kites, gone to art galleries, cooked together, played the piano, gone to the theatre and concerts together, taken long walks and read to each other. Prior to 1988 when I was going north to visit Mother for almost one week out of every month, Andrew would occasionally go with me to visit his grandparents. In 1990 he stayed with his mother in Washington DC most of the summer, and his father moved to Huntington Beach, quite distant from our home. He now comes only occasionally on weekends, but we will treasure forever the close relationship we had for those seven years.

1983 - Another first for us was our two-month trip to Greece, Egypt and Israel, with the highlight being a bus trip from Cairo to Tel Aviv, and again ending up with a visit to London for the latest plays and musicals and to see the Ramsay family in Britain before coming home.

1985 - Back to China this year, but on our own this time....no tour. This was "fun" because neither of us are fluent in Chinese: Glen knows a few expressions I know a few words and can count, but neither of us can read the language. Hongkong (a FIRST for Glen); by train to Canton; Xian to see the clay soldiers; Yanan, the city of cave houses where the Long March ended; Beijing, to see Glen's friends from WWII-- two of them Editors-in-Chief of English language publications and one of them working on the translation of the Encyclopedia Britannica from English into Chinese; Singapore; Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney for opening night at the Opera House!; Hobart, Tasmania; New Zealand; Honolulu (first time ever!) and a few days to celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary with a festive dinner at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and a walk on the beach afterwards. Halloween in Honolulu afforded a colorful and noisy finale to this trip.

1987 - Aug/Sept - Scandinavia for the first time and a return to the Soviet Union were our destinations this year: we were on our own through Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland for 3 weeks; joined a tour in Helsinki for a 3-week trip into the Soviet Union: Moscow, as always; flew across SIX time zones to Irkutsk, Siberia- with surprises such as sunny weather, merchandise and food on the shelves and many people taking their babies to church for baptism- a drive to Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world; flew down to Central Asia--Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, and on to our favorite spot of all, Tbilisi, Georgia; north to Leningrad ended our Soviet Union trip, at which time we left the tour and went to London and Bourneville in England, to Caernarvon and Brecon in Wales to visit friends and the Ramsay family for two weeks.

1988 - Oct-Our "domestic" trip this year was devoted basically to New England. After visiting family in Florida, Pennsylvania & NYC, we rented a car for a month's driving trip up the entire coast into Canada to see Campobello, then zig-zagged our way down through the mountains and glorious scenery of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, ending with a week in Boston from whence we flew home. No disappointments this trip; in fact, most areas exceeded our expectations in terms of historical preservation, seafood, hospitality and exceptional scenery, both coastal and inland. (To Death Valley for the first time ever at Christmas.)

1989 -Feb/Mar-This was the year to realize a lifelong ambition for me. I grew up hearing stories about and seeing photos of South America from my father who

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had spent a year there just before he married my mother. From Miami we flew to Manaus in the Amazon jungle; to stunning Brasilia; to Rio de Janeiro, spectacular natural setting, but very depressing; to Iguacu Falls, as exhilarating as Rio was depressing; Buenos Aires, also in economic stress, but puts on a good face; quick trip to Montevideo; to Bariloche, the Alpine-like ski resort in the Andes - lovely; and my favorite: the bus ride over the Andes to a very informal mountain hotel - not even a village; flew to Santiago, Chile; landed at the highest airport in the world: 13,500' in La Paz, Bolivia where about half the tour group, including me, were 'grounded' with altitude sickness. Those of us with heart problems took it very easy and drank lots of coca tea; Lima, Peru (literally crawling with military and security men) preceded the real highlight of the trip: a visit to Cuzco and Machu Picchu. Because of the guerrillas we did not know until a few hours in advance whether we would be allowed to go to the site, but fortunately our party went through without incident, and like Iguacu, it was an experience that will never be forgotten...another dream come true! Quito, Ecuador was our final stop, where we, like every other tourist, stood astride the Equator at the Monument. We also stayed one night in a Hacienda in the country, a fitting conclusion to this exciting trip. (To Carmel/Monterey for Christmas)

1990 - Having seen the Northeastern corner of the US two years ago, we concentrated on the Southeastern section this year. After seeing friends & family in Chicago and PA, we drove to Washington DC for a full week; then down the coast and zig-zagged back up through the interior states visited Colonial Williamsburg; my cousin, Vernon Matzen, in Raleigh, NC; historical and beautiful Charleston; St Augustine, FL, the oldest city in the US; on to Epcot, most enjoyable; to Huntsville, AL to see the Space and Rocket Center and Glen's nephew and his wife, who both work for the Redstone Arsenal; Northeast to Asheville, NC took us into my beloved mountains again.... and the fall colors were just beginning. Driving through the Great Smokeys was a scenically lovely trip; stayed in Oak Ridge to see as many of the facilities as possible, before going on to another 20th Century historic spot: Norris Dam, the first dam in the TVA. We stayed at the revered Boone Tavern Hotel in Berea, KY; to Shakertown, well-preserved; Lincoln's birthplace and boyhood home were important stops for us, plus the special experience of visiting Gethsemani, the first monastery of the Trappist Order in the US. My cousin, Stephen Muller, was in the Trappist Order at the time, and it was meaningful for us to visit; on to Bardstown & Lexington, then south to Estill Co, KY where my great-grandmother HOWELL was born. The President of the Estill County Historical Society, Diana Frymyer, met us at the Railroad Museum, showed us through and was the personification of southern hospitality; southeast to Independence, VA, the County Seat of Grayson County, where my great-grandfather, Elijah Preston HOWELL, was born. We ended the trip with visits to Appomattox Court House, the homes of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, the University of Virginia, and finally, Manassas - or Bull Run - before returning to Baltimore/Washington airport to fly home. (To Mazatlan, Mexico for Christmas week)

1991 - After completing this family history in the summer, Alice will go to Seattle for three weeks to see their Wagner RING cycle - realization of another long-term ambition. Then in September and October, since Yugoslavia is still in turmoil and a trip there must be postponed again, we will tour the Southwest, again avoiding big cities: Grand Canyon, Taos, Santa Fe, every Indian Reservation and museum available, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, White Sands, ending up in Scottsdale, Arizona for the Pacific Southwest ARRL (Ham Radio) Convention.

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1916 - Kenneth George "Ken" RAMSAY b 25 Aug 1916, Seattle, King Co, WA
 Parents: George RAMSAY & Jean EVANS
 m Alice Elaine BOX 2 Aug 1947, Piedmont, Alameda Co, CA
 d 16 Jan 1969, Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles, LA Co, CA
 bur Veterans Cemetery, Los Angeles, LA Co, CA

1941-45 - Ken was in the U S Army, trained at Fort Ord, San Luis Obispo, and finally at Needles, before going to North Africa..BUT instead his unit was sent immediately to Attu! Wounded in the first invasion, he recuperated on the ship from Alaska to Honolulu. He was involved in the South Pacific Islands, and finally in the first wave invasion of Okinawa near the end of the war. He came home with two Purple Hearts and was honorably discharged from the Army.

1947 - 2 Aug - married Alice Elaine BOX (See her Notes) Ken's brother, Bob, was married to Ann EDWARDS, daughter of the family Alice lived with in LA.

1952/3 - Aunt Anita's book, Christmas letter from Alice and Ken (excerpt):
 "Ken had several heart attacks just before Christmas, and it was only with doctor's permission that they went north for the holidays of 1952... During the first 3 months of 1953, Ken underwent exhaustive examinations by many doctors and cardiologists. They determined that he was eligible for an operation which assured him of at least 50% recovery. The surgery was too new to have had many case histories beyond the past 3 years, but in 90% of the cases, a marked improvement resulted. He had the operation on 30 May, remained in the hospital five weeks and then rested at home for approximately 3 months...The surgery involved collapsing one lung, removing scar tissue and calcification from the mitral valve of the heart and tying off a blood clot in the heart..."
 (This surgery is now routine, but Ken was among the first ten to have it.)

1956-1957 March of Dimes, Office and Field Personnel Directories lists Kenneth G Ramsay as a Field Representative in the Commerce & Industry Div.

1957 - Excerpt from Christmas letter: "As most of you know, Ken was ordered by the doctors who did the 1953 heart surgery ago to give up paint contracting effective in the Fall of 1956. Since then he has been working with the March of Dimes from August through April, and with the Multiple Sclerosis Society May until July...We are both looking forward to a trip to Scotland in 1960 from to visit Ken's family, and our every effort is directed toward that goal..."

1958 - Ken again had heart surgery in January, for the same mitral valve stenosis problem, but this time contracted the dreaded SBE (sub-acute bacterial endocarditis) and remained in the hospital for 8 months...almost until his birthday, 25 Aug. There was less tension about the surgery this time because so many more had been done in the past five years.

1959-60 - Community Chest of Los Angeles Area, 1959-60 Campaign, memo from Norman O Nelson, Director: "I am pleased to report to you that Mr Kenneth Ramsay has joined our staff as Area Business Director for the...campaign. I am confident Mr Ramsay will be a real asset to our campaign team and that you will find him capable and ready to help you with your important assignment."

1961 - Memo to All Department Heads, from *John N Blow, American Cancer Society: "Kenneth Ramsay was appointed June 1st to the position in Crusade Department... His major responsibility will be to strengthen our relationships with In-Plant and other forms of employee drives." Ken worked for ACS until his death in 1969. (*Yes, you music historians: John was a descendant of THE John Blow who

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composed the first opera in England and is buried in Westminster Abbey!)

1968/9 - The mitral valve stenosis again became evident and Ken returned to the hospital in October and remained there until his third surgery - this time to replace the valve with a plastic one, a new procedure that had been developed in the past 12 years with great success. The surgery was on 15 Jan 1969 and was considered successful by the cardiologists. The next night, 16 January, while still in Intensive Care, he suffered cardiac arrest and died. His ashes are at the Veterans Cemetery in Sawtelle, Los Angeles, CA.



Left: Addie, Alice
& Andy -
Nome, Alaska 1923



Right: Alice on
her first elephant
ride -
Cambodia 1969



Alice & Ken's wedding party, 2 Aug 1947: 1 to r: Fay Owen, Ann Ramsay, Evelyn Behm, Alice, Ken, Bob Ramsay, Don Griffith, Allen Box, in front of picture window in Hempel Street family home - Oakland, CA

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1916 - Glen AKINS b 7 Dec 1916, York, York Co, PA

Parents: James Warfield AKINS & Hattie Lucinda ALLISON

m 1) Marian LIU, Aug 1946, Shanghai, China (div 1952)

m 2) Grace (WRIGHT) JOHNSON, May 1953, Las Vegas, Clark Co, NV (div 1969)

m 3) Alice Elaine (BOX) RAMSAY, 30 Oct 1970, Los Angeles, LA Co, CA

PLEASE see Alice Elaine BOX Notes for more information.

1923 - At age of 7 family moved to a small farm in York Co and struggled to maintain a precarious existence. Attended a one-room country school with one all-purpose teacher. During summer worked on neighboring farms for a dollar a day, including breakfast and lunch....for a long day. In depths of the Depression attended high school at New Freedom, PA graduating in 1933. In these years developed a lifelong interest in radio and electronics. Built first crystal radio receiver, first shortwave receiver which brought in London and Berlin, and with a friend built a crude television receiver employing a washing machine motor, a mechanical scanning disc and a flickering neon lightbulb - and actually saw blurred pictures of Lowell Thomas broadcasting the news from NY. In 1932 received first Amateur Radio License with call letters W3ART (his call today is W6ART!)

Glen held down two jobs during high school years: 1) ringing the school bell for 50 cents a week; and 2) worked one night a week as a projectionist in the local motion picture theatre for \$1 per night. He was living with a family in the small town of Railroad, PA at the time, paying them \$1 a week for room and board, which exhausted his entire weekly theatre earnings. This left only 50 cents a week to finance his program of radio experiments.

1933 - After graduating from high school he worked as an apprentice in a machine shop until he went to work as a well-paid projectionist in a motion picture theatre in York, PA.

mid-1930's - Glen was frequently the sole support of his parents who lived with him in a house in York. He succeeded in exchanging jobs and houses with another projectionist in Gettysburg. This enabled him to attend Gettysburg College while working as projectionist in a theatre in Gettysburg.

1940's - Majored in Physics at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. After America became involved in WWII, accepted position in Engineering Department of Federal Radio and Telephone Corporation (ITT).

1942 - Was recruited by Office of War Information and sent to Chungking, China as a Radiophoto Engineer. Subsequently became Chief of Communication Facilities for the China Division, OWI, and organized a radio communication network and Japanese radio intercept facility throughout unoccupied China.

1944 - As a sideline activity, Glen broadcast a fifteen-minute newscast each morning on 16 shortwave and medium-wave broadcast stations to a captive English-speaking audience throughout China and Northern India. Since there were no sources of current news available, Glen arose each morning at 4:45AM and gathered his news by listening to the BBC and American OWI shortwave broadcast stations. The program was called "The American Hour" and included 15 minutes of news and 45 minutes of recorded music. The news was broadcast uncensored, and thus required some ingenuity in phrasing when presenting news contrary to Chiang-Kai-shek government positions and opinions.

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During the same period, for 18 months, he had a weekly spot to the U.S. for CBS on its morning "The World Today" program, anchored by Edward R Murrow when he was in New York. This was carried by the entire CBS network of some 640 radio stations throughout the U.S.

1945-46 - Following the end of the war, the OWI was disbanded and Glen was appointed Chief Radio Officer of the American Embassy in China. This involved organizing and operating an expanded version of the wartime OWI Radio Communication Network. From August 1945 until October 1946, he was stationed in Shanghai, China. He resigned from the State Department in protest against America's involvement in China's civil war, viewing it as a tragic and historic American foreign policy mistake.

1946 - Dec - Moved to Hollywood, California to accept a position in the Sound Department of RKO Radio Pictures. About a year later the motion picture industry entered a period of acute depression, and RKO was closed down and sold. Glen then taught Electronics and Television at American Television Laboratories in Hollywood. Television was in its infancy, and few knew anything about TV technology - By teaching the subject Glen says he learned far more about it than the students: proof of the old adage that if you want to learn a subject, teach it!

1950 - Jul - Glen was employed by ABC Television in the Engineering Department and remained there until January 1977, retiring as General Manager of Television Engineering. During these exciting years he supervised the expansion of ABC's Hollywood facilities and its switch to color broadcasting. This involved the drastic modernization of seven existing studios, and the construction of two large, new, state-of-the-art studios. During this period he was granted one patent in television technology, and masterminded a widely publicized experimental broadcast of 3-D television. He was Engineering Supervisor for ABC's very successful Academy Awards telecasts.

post-1977 - Since retirement Glen has terraced our hillside to create a vegetable garden and small fruit orchard, built a hydroponic greenhouse, pursued his lifelong interest in electronics and amateur radio, built various amplifiers and loudspeaker systems to create concert-quality sound reproduction in our home, added a second bathroom, built a retaining wall following an earth slide behind our house, and still found time to travel extensively and read a considerable number of books on China, politics, history and religion. He has an extensive mental list of future projects - far more than he can ever accomplish in his lifetime.



Alice
and
Glen
1990

Giza, Egypt

← 1983



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1925 - Evelyn Marie BOX b 7 Feb 1925, Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA
 Parents: Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX & Addie Ruth MEAL
 m Donnal George BEHM 22 Feb 1946, Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA

1925 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook birth announcement: Sketch of a stork ready to drop the baby bundle in the window: "Mr and Mrs Andrew Box announce the birth of Evelyn Marie on February 7, 1925 - 6:22 A.M. Weight 7-1/4 lbs."

1936(abt) - Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "JOINT COURT OF AWARDS -... was held May 20 at Elmhurst Junior High School by Troop 7 of Elmhurst and Troop 2 of Castlemont High School. After a formal Girl Scout opening.. member, Badges and Awards Committee, presented the second class and merit badges. Evelyn Box...Vera Vucinich....Scouts of Troop 7 received second class badges... "Following the awards the Scouts of Troop 7 portrayed the history of dancing.."

1930's - Evelyn was always a superior student in school, much better than either Allen or I, so one day when we found her crying about something, we said, "Oh-h-h-h-, what's the matter? Did you get a 'B'?"

1942 - In Aunt Anita's 1942-44 scrapbook - Evelyn's Oakland High School graduation announcement: "The Faculty of Oakland High School announces the Graduation Exercises of the Class of January Nineteen Hundred Forty-two in the school auditorium, Wednesday evening, January Twenty-first, Nineteen Hundred Forty-two, Eight O'clock, No Flowers" with card attached, Evelyn's signature.

1942-1944 - Evelyn attended Mills College, Oakland, CA.

1946 - Evelyn awarded key and membership in Phi Beta Kappa in her Senior Year at University of California, Berkeley....actually earned in her Junior Year.

1946 - 22 Feb - Aunt Anita's scrapbook 1945-49: Wedding invitation: "Mr and Mrs Andrew Box request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Evelyn Marie to Mr Donnal George Behm on Friday, the twenty-second of February at eight o'clock Bethany Lutheran Church, Berkeley, California. (card enclosed:) Reception immediately following the ceremony, Sixteen twenty-six Hampel Street, Oakland, California."

1946 - clipping (probably Oakland Tribune) - "150 Invited To Wedding - Bethany Lutheran Church will be the scene of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Marie Box, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew H Box of Hampel Street, and Donnal Behm, Naval ROTC at Cal, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. About 150 guests have been invited to the church and later a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents for close friends and family....Evelyn will have one attendant, her sister, Alice, who is here from Hollywood. Leonard Cool will stand with his friend as best man. ...The bride-elect, who attended Mills College for two years, will be graduated from the University of California in June. She is a member of the College Women's Club and of the Masonic Club Her brother Allen has just received his discharge from the Army Air Corps."

1946 - June - Graduated from University of California, Berkeley, with B.A.

1947 - Don graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.S.E.E. degree. He was a participant in the Naval ROTC program while at Berkeley. Sometime later he received an M.A. at San Francisco State. He taught at Jefferson High School in Daly City for many years before retiring, along with teaching at San Mateo Community College at night. He taught Physics and Chemistry

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at Jefferson in his early years, but later concentrated on Calculus, Trig and Advanced Math with an occasional English or Psychology class. Since retirement he continues to teach Geometry at the College at night during school year and four days a week in the summer. A knowledgeable and appreciative lover of classical music, he and Evelyn attend symphony series, operas, plays and musicals.

1948 - Lynette Gail Behm born 4 Mar, with beautiful golden red hair.

1949 - Laurel Ann Behm born 18 Jun, also with beautiful golden red hair.

1950's - When Don would take the girls out together when they were very young, people would often stop him on the street and after admiring the two adorable little redheads, would ask, "Are they twins?" It soon became tiresome, so one day he replied very calmly, "No, they're four months apart" and walked away.

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has a year-end letter from Alice: "Evelyn and Don live in South San Francisco in a lovely new home, and their two redheaded daughters are as cute as ever....Also, Lynette and Laurel are looking forward to a new sister or brother sometime in June of 1954."

1954 - Mark Andrew Behm born 7 Jun 1954.

1956 - David Donnal Behm born 7 Jul 1956, with red curls like his grandfather.

1957 - Alice's Christmas letter excerpt: "1957 brought many visits to our new homea nice long and very enjoyable visit with Evelyn and Don and their four children, who incidentally moved into a new home Thanksgiving week... and according to a letter from Lynette the new home is a big success..."

1963 or 1964 - Evelyn worked as a School Secretary at Abbott Junior High School in San Mateo, and held the position until they went to Europe in 1967.

1967 - Aunt Anita's 1968 scrapbook has an undated Christmas card and note from Evelyn: (It HAD to be dated 1967 because that is the Christmas they were away) "Dear Aunt Anita, We are settled now in Spain for the winter on Don's sabbatical. We plan to enjoy the warmth, the inexpensive living and the beauty here while we tutor the boys through their year of school. It is good to stop traveling for a while...We had a nice visit with Norman, Fran, Chris, Ted and Carrie in Ramstein and stayed in a pleasant guest house nearby. Norman seemed quite pleased and optimistic about his new business, and Fran really enjoys her job...Our very best to you in this holiday season- and to Andy and Beryl and her family. Love, Don, Evelyn, Lynette, Mark, David." (Laurel was back in San Mateo by this time and living with Mother in Mother's apartment on Barneson.)

1967-1968 - Evelyn's overview of their sabbatical year abroad touches on the highlights of this exciting year for the entire family:

"The six of us sailed from San Francisco on the P&O Liner, Oriana, in June of 1967. We traveled to Southern California, Acapulco, through the Panama Canal, then to Curacao and Trinidad, where David celebrated his eleventh birthday, across the Atlantic, then to Lisbon, Le Havre, disembarking at Southampton. "We rented a flat in London where we spent several weeks, traveling away from London, as well:

Stratford Upon Avon

Stonehenge

Oxford

Greenwich

Salisbury

Edinburgh - to the Festival

Wales - to visit our friends, the Trusslers.

"In September we crossed the Channel.

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"We spent two days with friends of Lynette, then spent a week at their summer place on the island of Langeoog on the North Sea. Then we visited Copenhagen, returning to Germany where we traveled the Deutscheweinstrasse and visited Norman and Fran (BOX).

"We then drove to Paris where we spent a few days. From Paris, Laurel flew home, and the five of us went south for the winter, renting an apartment in Alicante, Spain. We stayed there through March, tutoring Mark and David through their schoolwork.

"From April to June we camped through Europe, spending only five nights in hotels. Lynette left us in Spain to fly to London. (NOTE: Must inject here: Lynette taught English in Spain, then Spanish in England!!)

"Countries visited in the Spring:

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| Italy | Luxembourg |
| Austria | Germany |
| Liechtenstein | France (Southern) |
| Switzerland | Belgium |

Holland

"We sailed home from Rotterdam with our VW camper on board. We then drove from the east coast home, visiting Jonna and Dale Myers in New York, Don's relatives in Ohio, including his dad, friends in St Paul, friends in Reno, ending our trip by arriving at a party given by Norman and Fran in their new home in Novato, which Laurel and Mother came to with Allen and left from with us."

1969-70 - Evelyn began taking classes to earn a teaching credential.

1972 or 1973 - Evelyn began teaching in Bowditch Middle School, Foster City, CA. She created and implemented some innovative techniques and methods in teaching Language Arts.

1983 - Evelyn and Don left 19 Aug for a week in London followed by four days in Dublin and exploring Ireland. From Ireland, they crossed back over to Wales to visit their friends, Jim and Menna Trussler in Swansea. They returned to London for one night before flying back to San Francisco.

1986 - 15 Feb - Evelyn's & Don's children hosted a lovely 40th Wedding Anniversary dinner for them at Gladstone's 4 Fish Restaurant overlooking the ocean at Santa Monica Beach. Then we all returned to Laurel's apartment in Santa Monica for cake and champagne.

1989 - 22 Feb - Letter from Allen to Alice & Glen in South America - excerpt:
"...Talked to Evelyn this AM - their 43rd anniversary. House is torn up to put new sewer pipe in - through living room slab floor.

1989 - Evelyn retired from teaching.

1991 - 23 Feb - The four Behm children planned, organized and hosted a 45th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Evelyn and Don at their San Mateo home. The invitation read: "The children of Evelyn & Donnal Behm request the pleasure of your company at an Open House buffet to celebrate their 45 years of marriage on Saturday 23 February 1991 from 2 to 6 in the afternoon at their parents home. No gifts. R.S.V.P."

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there are two study periods, 5th and 8th period. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5th period I will take Band. On Monday and Wednesday 8th period, I will have Glee Club.

"...Laurel and I had a Farewell Party for Amy and Terry Spieser. Their family is moving to Washington D.C. They will stay five years if not permanently.

"I started writing this letter in the morning, but couldn't finish it. I had to go to ballet today and I am going on toe. I'll start Thursday...For the farewell party I made a cake and Laurel made cookies. I made the cake without a mix, but I used a frosting mix. It was the first time I had used one and it was easy.

"I'm wondering what kids will say when they see my hair., It has grown quite a lot since I got it cut. I don't like my hair short at all and I can hardly wait until it gets long enough for a pony tail...Mark is very excited about going to kindergarten. He is going in the afternoon and has a very nice teacher. She is young but she has been teaching at Sunnybrae for quite a long time. ...I got a lot of new clothes for school. I got a slim blue skirt, a gathered print skirt, a blue blouse and a blue sweater. I also got a new raincoat and with my own money I am hoping to buy some new shoes. I have been looking for just a plain shirtwaist, but I haven't been able to find one except for one that cost \$11.98.

"Mark got new jeans, new shoes, and a new jacket. There was a beautiful red plaid jacket, but Mark picked a red and blue one...Laurel got some pretty clothes, too, but I'll let her tell you about them. David was feeling very left out of things, but after the shopping he was all right...A little while ago Grandma & Grandpa asked Mom & Pop if they would like a vacation. They said they would, so all four of us went over to stay with Grandma & Grandpa. We had a lot of fun there. David got some new shoes while we were at a shopping center with Grandma. When we got home each of us had a present. Mark got a bow and arrow set, David got a drum, Laurel and I got a badminton set. "Last Thursday Grandma & Grandpa took Laurel and me to the state fair. I got tired walking, but it was worth it. We saw a milking demonstration and a calf that had been born just a few minutes before we got there. We saw a circus and the Marine Band. We went to See's and got some candy for the boys and Mommy. We went into the 4-H Building. Some of the clothes the kids made in there were beautiful...Mark says he is going to write a letter to Grandma and Grandpa this time. I can hardly wait till Christmas and when you come up. Love, Lynette"

1961 - 20 Aug program for CONCERT IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS at La Honda Music Camp, Jr. High Session, Sponsored by the City of San Mateo Recreation Department lists Lynette Behm as a participant. If I remember correctly, she played the flute in the orchestra or the band....maybe both!

1964 - 10 Apr program: "Aragon High School presents SPRING DANCE CONCERT Directed by Miss Sally Thompson, 8PM, April 10, 1964 Little Theater" Lynette Behm danced in "Paranoia" with music from the opera WOZZECK; "Estranged" and "Bossa Nova." All dances were choreographed by the performing group unless stated otherwise, so am sure Lynette gained some experience in choreography prior to this performance.

1965 - Graduation Announcement: "Aragon High School and the Class of Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Five Announce the Third Commencement Exercises on Friday evening, June eighteenth at eight o'clock College of San Mateo Gymnasium, College Heights Campus, Admission by ticket only" (card) "Miss Lynette Behm" The graduation program lists Lynette Gail Behm as a graduate and she is listed as a Life Member of the California Scholarship Federation. She also played the flute in the orchestra selections that opened and closed the ceremonies.

1972 - Lynette married Mougo Nyaggah in Reno, Washoe Co, NV, and soon after

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 adopted three of his four children.

(NOTE: See Curriculum Vitae for events in these 18 years)

1990 - Jun - "The University of California, Los Angeles, announces that Lynette Behm Nyaggah is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics in the month of June Nineteen hundred and ninety."

1990 17 Jun - "The University of California, Los Angeles Graduate Division Doctor of Philosophy Commencement Hooding Ceremony, Sunday the seventeenth day of June Nineteen hundred and ninety at one o'clock in the afternoon, Royce Hall on the campus" It is now official: DOCTOR Lynete Gail Behm Nyaggah!! Her dissertation, in the field of Linguistics, is: CROSS-LINGUISTIC INFLUENCE IN KENYAN ENGLISH: THE IMPACT OF SWAHILI AND KIKUYU ON SYNTAX.
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Left: Evelyn & Don's 40th anniversary gala Feb 1991 - Rear: Glen Akins, Jonna Sue Myers, Dana Box, Dale Myers, David & Mark Behm, Allen Box; Front: Alice Akins, Mugo Nyaggah, Lynette, Evelyn & Don Behm, Natutu Siregar, Laurel Behm, Marilyn "Eric" Watts - at Evelyn & Don's San Mateo home.

Below: 17 Jun 1990 - Evelyn, Dr Lynette Behm Nyaggah and Don on the day of Lynette's "hooding" ceremony at UCLA.



22Feb 1946 - Bud Coal, Don Behm, Evelyn and Alice Box - Evelyn & Don's wedding



VITAE

Lynette Behm Nyaggah

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

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| 1987 - Present | Instructor, Communications Department, Rio Hondo College, Whittier, California |
| 1983 - 1987 | Instructor, English as a Second Language, Cerritos College, Norwalk, California |
| 1980 - 1982 | Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya |
| 1977 - 1980 | Lecturer, English, California State University, Fullerton, California |
| 1976 | Instructor, English as a Second Language, University of California, Los Angeles |

CALIFORNIA CREDENTIALS:

Community College Instructor (Life), Basic Education

| EDUCATION: | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Major</u> |
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| 1972 - 1990 | University of California,
Los Angeles
Dissertation: "Cross-linguistic Influence in Kenyan English: the Impact of Swahili and Kikuyu on Syntax" | Ph.D. | Linguistics |
| 1975 - 1976 | University of California,
Los Angeles | T.E.S.L. | Certificate |
| 1970 - 1972 | University of California,
Los Angeles | M.A. | Linguistics |
| 1965 - 1969 | University of California,
Berkeley | B.A. | Linguistics |

COURSES QUALIFIED TO TEACH:

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| English as a Second Language | Applied Linguistics |
| English Composition | Sociolinguistics |
| Introductory Linguistics | African Linguistics |

GRADUATE STUDY:

| <u>Subject field</u> | <u>Instructors</u> | <u>Units</u> |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| Linguistics | Fromkin, Schachter,
Thompson, Partee, Wald,
Emonds, Vennemann, Munro | 70 |
| African Linguistics | Welmers | 34 |
| E.S.L. | Campbell, Prator, Ramirez | 24 |

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:

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| TESOL | American Association of |
| CATESOL | Applied Linguistics |
| African Studies Association | Community College Consortium |
| Linguistic Society of America | for English as a Second Language |

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Teaching--Taught courses in ESL at all levels, Cross-cultural Communication, and English Composition. Developed and taught courses in English Linguistics and undergraduate Sociolinguistics. Developed and taught graduate seminar in Sociolinguistics.

Professional Relations -- Presented a paper on "Peer Group Language" at African Studies Association Annual Conference. 1984.

Presented a paper on "Kinship Terms and Social Change" at African Studies Conference, Naivasha, Kenya, 1981.

Presented a paper on "The Associative in Asante" at Annual Conference on African Linguistics, 1973.

Member, Editorial Board, Studies in African Linguistics, 1972-1973.

Business/Industry Work Experience -- Control Data Corporation, Developer and Instructor of a course for foreign computer science trainees

HONORS:

NDEA Title VI Fellow, 1971 - 1974

TRAVEL ABROAD:

England, France, Germany, Spain -- 1967 - 1968
Ghana -- 1974
Kenya -- 1980 - 1982

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES:

Fluent in Spanish
 Reading knowledge of German, French, Italian, Portuguese
 Studied Twi (West Africa) and Swahili (East Africa)

ARTICLES PUBLISHED:

"The Associative in Asante Twi," in William Welmers Festschrift, published by Studies in African linguistics, 1976.

"The Impact of Social Change on Kikuyu-Embu Kinship Terminology," in Eastern African Journal of Research and Development, 1982.



Left: Behm family on David & Sandy's wedding day Dec 1982: l to r: Mbugo, Lynette, Mark, Sandy, David, Laurel, Grandma Addie Box, Evelyn & Don (Sandy wearing Evelyn's wedding dress)



Right: Evelyn & Don's 40th wedding anniversary party at Laurel's in Santa Monica: Evelyn, Andrew, Laurel, Wambugi, Mark, Lynette, Don, Glen, David, Sandy, Mbugo

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1937 - Mougo Boniface Azariah NYAGGAH, Dr (Ph.D) b 8 Aug 1937

Embu, Kangaro District, Kenya

Parents: Amos Nyaga NJANJA & Rabab Nguru MOUGO

m 1) Salome ? in Kenya

m 2) Lynette Gail BEHM 13 Feb 1972, Reno, Washoe Co, NV

PLEASE see Mougo's Curriculum Vitae for more information.

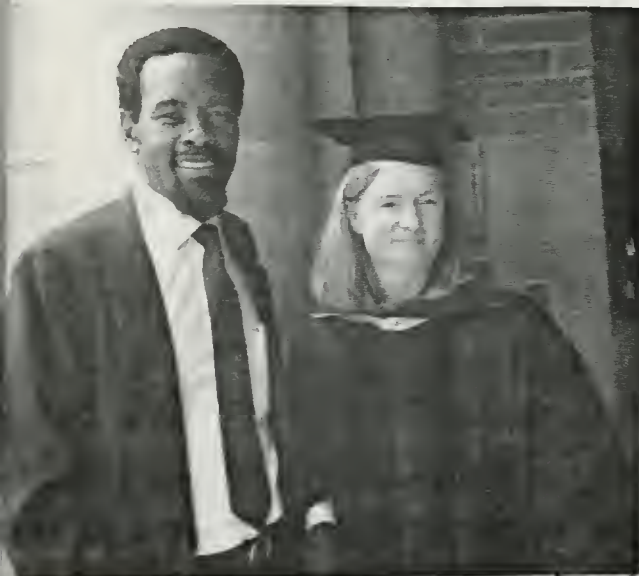
1968-69 - Another "small world" story involves a letter I received from Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son, in Apr 1991. Frank is Chair and Professor of Geology at the University of Utah, and asked about Mougo:

".....There are many interesting facts in it, but the most astounding to me was the inclusion of Mougo Nyaggah, who married your niece, Lynette. I am very curious to know if the Nyaggah's lived in or around Berkeley in the late 1960's or early 1970's. The reason for this is that I began work in southern Ethiopia in 1966, north of Lake Turkana, a region only accessible at the time from Nairobi, in Kenya. Now Nyaggah is a reasonably common name in Kenya, though not so here -- it means ostrich in the Kikuyu language. It happens that I sat in on a Swahili course at Berkeley sometime around 1969 or 1970, and the instructor was named Nyaggah, but I cannot vouch that his first name was Mougo though I think it was. Everything fits except that I would have judged Mr Nyaggah to be about my age rather than six years older, but I am often wrong in judging African ages. Anyway it may have been the same person...."

I called Mougo the evening I received the letter, and it was indeed "the same person"! Mougo immediately remembered Frank as a student and told me a great deal about the classes and what he remembered about that period in his life.

1972 - 13 Feb - Mougo and Lynette were married in Reno, Washoe County, NV. Mougo was previously married to Salome, but divorced from her prior to her death in Oakland, California. They had four children, the three youngest of whom Lynette officially adopted.

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Left: Dr Mougo Nyaggah
and
Dr Lynette Nyaggah
Jun 1990



4th of July 1987 when Don Baked and decorated a cake to celebrate Mougo becoming a citizen of the U.S.
"Congratulations, Mougo - and Greetings from Uncle Sam!"

CURRICULUM VITAEDR. MOUGO NYAGGAH

EDUCATION: Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1974
 Major: African History
 Minors: British History and Anthropology

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1967
 Major: History
 Minor: Anthropology

B.A. St. Mary's College of California, Moraga, 1964
 Major: History
 Minors: Philosophy and classics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor of History, California State University,
 Fullerton, since September, 1977.

Assistant Professor of History, California State University,
 Fullerton, September 1973 to August 1977.

Assistant Professor of History and Anthropology,
 St. Mary's College of California, Moraga
 September 1969 to August 1973.

Associate in Swahili, University of California, Berkeley
 January 1968 to August 1969.

Assistant Professor of History, College of the Holy Names,
 Oakland, California. Summer, 1973.

Lecturer in Swahili, San Francisco City College, San Francisco
 September 1967 to June 1973 (part-time).

Lecturer in Afro-American History, College of San Mateo, San Mateo, California.
 January 1973 to June 1973 (part-time).

COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE LEVEL:

African History to 1850
 African History since 1850
 History of Southern Africa to 1900
 History of Southern Africa since 1900
 History of West Africa
 Contemporary African History since 1945
 United States History to 1877
 United States History since 1877
 United States History, (Beginning to Present)
 Afro-American History
 Seminar in the Content and Method of History
 Historical Methodology

African Marriage and Kinship Heritage in Afro-American Family
 California Ethnic Minorities
 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
 African Cultures and Societies
 Political Anthropology
 Swahili

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE INTERESTS

I did field and archival research in Kenya from 1979 to 1981 on Kenya Urban and Social History. I also did my Ph. D. field research in Ghana on "Social Origins of the Asante Traditional Administrators, 1700 to 1900," from January 1971 to July 1971. The field research was supplemented by archival work in libraries in Ghana, Britain and United States. My past and continuing research interests deal with the subjects on East Africa, West Africa and South Africa as evident from the above summary on scholarly and creative activities and from the my publications (journal articles, an edited book, book chapters and a book review) and from extensive participation in about twenty professional (regional, national and international) conferences where I presented papers or acted as chair or discussant. I plan to continue the same active professional participation in the future.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Mugomba, A. & M. Nyaggah, eds., Independence without Freedom: The Political Economy of Education in Southern Africa, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Press, 1980.
2. "African Second Class Education under South Africa's Apartheid Laws," in Mugomba, A. and M. Nyaggah, eds., Independence Without Freedom: The Political Economy of Education in Southern Africa, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Press, 1980.
3. "Apartheid 'Jim Crow' Education in South Africa: Love it or Fight it," in Journal of Pan African Study Society, 1: 1, 1978.
4. "South African Apartheid Laws and Black Revolt," in African Studies Newsletter, (now African Studies Journal) 1977.
5. Book Review of An Economic History of Kenya and Uganda, 1800-1970, by R.M.A. van Zwanenberg with Anne King, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Humanities Press, 1977 in Journal of African Economic History, Spring 1977.
6. "African Labor Resistance to Apartheid in South Africa: A Brief Perspective, 1652-1976," in David Chanaiwa, ed., Profiles in Self-Determination: African Responses to European Colonialism in Southern Africa, 1652 to Present, Northridge, Calif. 1976.
7. "The Asians in East Africa: The Case of Kenya," in Journal of African Studies, 1: 2, 1974.

PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION:

PAPERS PRESENTED (Note: (R) identifies Regional Conferences only).

- 1 "Education Laws as Catalyst for Black Revolution in South Africa" Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Denver, Colorado, November 19-23, 1987

2. "Women's Legal and Customary Rights Conflict in Urban Nairobi" Accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, November 18-22, 1987. (Did not attend the conference, it was held the same weekend as the A.S.A. Conference.)
3. "Urban Informal Sector Economy in Nairobi" Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, December 3-7, 1986.
4. "The Impact of Apartheid Laws on Urbanization and Black Revolt in South Africa" Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Madison, Wisconsin. October 30 to November 3, 1986.
5. "Kinship Network and Social Change in Nairobi" Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C. December 4-8, 1985
6. "Urban Housing Policy in Nairobi: Illusions and Realities" Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 23-26, 1985.
7. "Kenya Land Policy Impact on Urban Migration to Nairobi, 1960-1980" Presented at the Joint meeting of CALACS (African, Latin American, and Caribbean Connections) and CAAS (Canadian African Studies Association). Montreal, Canada. May 15-17, 1985.
8. "Urbanization and Ethnic Integration in Nairobi" Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Los Angeles, October 25-28, 1984.
9. "South African Racial Laws, 1910 - 1948," Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Baltimore, Maryland, October/November 1978.
10. "Asians in South Africa," Presented at the Annual Conference of Pacific Coast Asian Studies Association, Anaheim, Spring 1978. (R)
11. "African Second Class Education under South Africa's Apartheid Laws: 1948 to Present," Presented at a Conference on African And American Relations held at the University of California, Santa Barbara, November 1977. (R)
12. "Apartheid and Racism in South Africa: Labor and Land Policies," Presented at an International Conference on Southern Africa, Los Angeles. January 1976.
13. "Status and Rights of African Women," Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. November 1976.
14. "South African Apartheid Laws and Black Revolt," Presented at the Pacific Coast African Studies Association. Chico, California, Spring 1976. (R)
15. "African Women: Oppressed or Liberated?" Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. San Francisco. October-November 1975.
16. "Military and Politics among the Kikuyu and Maasai," Presented at an International Conference on African States and Military: Past and Present. Accra, Ghana. August 18-22, 1975.
17. "Kinship Interrelationship in Asante Political System," Presented in Mexico City, Mexico, at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. November, 1974. (the conference was held outside U.S.A. that year.)

18. "Ethnic Conflict in East Africa," Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Chicago, October-November, 1974

19. "Assimilation of Slaves in Pre-Colonial Asante Society," Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Historical Association. San Francisco, December 1973.

20. "The Role of Mpanyimfuo and Akyeame in Asante Government," Presented at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association. Syracuse, New York, October/November 1973.

PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION:

PANEL CHAIR/ORGANIZER.

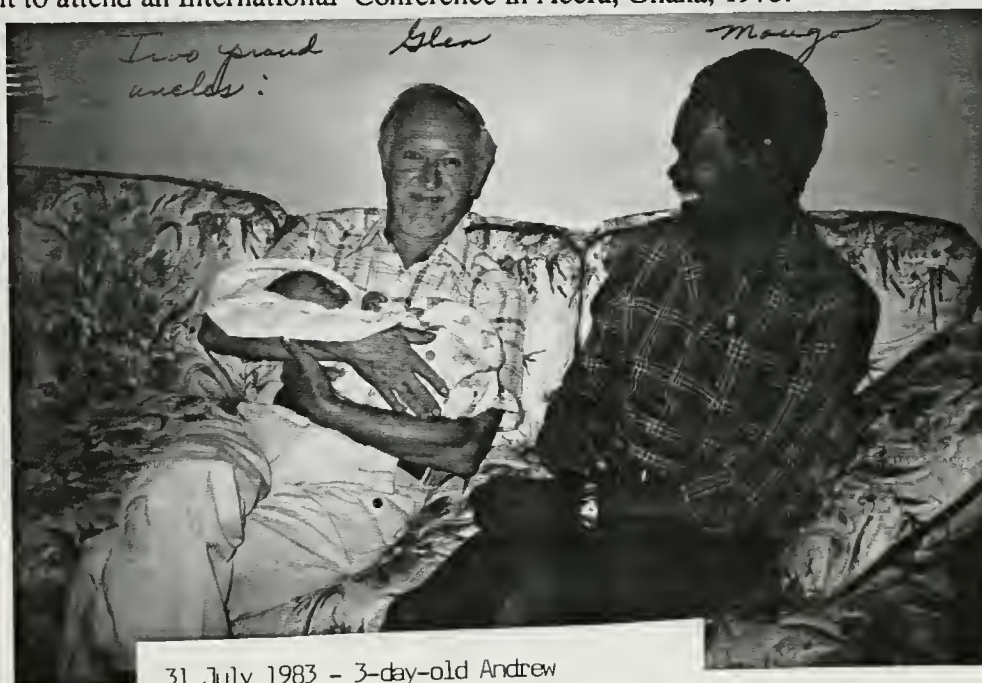
1. Chair-Discussant for panel on "Pan Africanism Revisited," at Pomona College, Claremont. Spring, 1987. (R)
2. Symposium on "Colonialism and African Women's Rights: Continuity and Change," for American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. November 1976.
3. Panel on "Ethnic Conflict in African Plural Societies," for the African Studies Association Annual Conference. Chicago. October-November 1974.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

MEMBER. African Studies Association
FELLOW. American Anthropological Association.

HONORS:

1. University of California Regents Fellow, 1966-1967.
2. University of California Chancellor's Travelling Fellow, 1970-71.
3. University of California, Los Angeles, and California State University, Fullerton, Travel Grant to attend an International Conference in Accra, Ghana, 1975.



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1949 - Laurel Ann BEHM b 18 Jun 1949, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 Parents: Donnal George BEHM & Evelyn Marie BOX

1949 - Aunt Anita's 1945-49 scrapbook birth announcement: Laurel Ann,
 June 18, Evelyn and Donnal Behm.

1957 - 27 Mar letter from Laurel to Alice & Ken: "Dear Alice and Kenny, I like the Indian purse you gave me very much. I take it to school practically every day. When I tell kids that a real Indian Chief helped you pick it out, they say "I bet." On Friday, March 22, 1957 we were dismissed from school because of earthquakes. The one at 11:45 I was down the street and I felt like running home. The real reason for being dismissed was because of fire. There wasn't any fire really, but they thought there might be. Our house is fine, but not our garage. It was a mess. Love, Laurel"

1958 - 30 Jun letter from Laurel to Alice & Ken: "Dear Alice & Kenny, Thank you very much for 'The History of the World.' It came on Thursday. The parts I like best are the parts about the cave men and Pioneers. "My party was on Saturday because of Lynette being over at Grandma's and on my birthday I received a check of \$10.00. With it I bought 2 blouses, some clothes for my doll, a box of See's candies and my first chemise! Except this is a chemise slip. On my birthday I received a beach bag, a bracelet, a paper doll, a Fantasyland Game, 1 Walt Disney and another June angel... We had lots of fun at camp... I was in Unit 1 and Lynette was in Unit 6. With my best love, Laurel. (P.S. A little late - Finished this letter July 12. Camp was from June 30 - July 10)"

1959 - 11 Jan letter from Laurel: "Dear Alice and Ken, Thank you very much for the bookmark, address labels, tiara, collar, name pencils, the Zorro pen, the name stationery, the French dictionary and the 'Hans Brinker'. "We have used two syrups from the four you gave us. They are delicious. "We had fun downtown in S.F. Grandma liked the earrings that we got. "We also had fun ice skating. I have recovered from the bumps that I got, too. "Lynette and I had some friends over today and the older had gotten a sewing machine. They both liked the collar very much. We sewed for a long time and then they went home. Love, Laurel"

1959? - Undated letter from Laurel on her name stationery, written in formal invitation style: "Miss Laurel Ann Behm accepts with pleasure the kind invitation to sample your hospitality from June 12 to June 23. She will arrive Friday evening, June 12 on the regular run of the Southern Pacific Daylight in company of her sister, Lynette Gail Behm. Subject to any chance in reservation which may be necessary"

1959 - 16 Nov letter from Laurel to Alice: "Dear Alice, I am home sick with a sore throat. I am going back to school tomorrow because I feel okay now. I decided to write to you since I have nothing else to do. "I Wanted to ask you, Do you want to go to San Francisco to do some Christmas shopping? If you do, would you write and tell me, please. Love, Laurel"

1966 - 20 May program: "Aragon High School presents its Fifth Annual Spring Concert...Hillsdale High School Auditorium" Laurel Behm listed as a Senior as well as Section Leader for the Oboes in the Concert Band.

1966 - Aunt Anita's 1966 scrapbook graduation announcement: "Aragon High School and the Class of Nineteen Hundred Sixty-six Announce the Fourth Commencement. Exercises on Thursday evening, June sixteenth, at eight o'clock, College of

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San Mateo Gymnasium, College Heights Campus" (card) "Miss Laurel Ann Behm"

1966 - 24 Sep - Laurel moved into Hedrick Hall at UCLA.

1967 - 4 Mar - Laurel and her roommate, Marilyn "Eric" Watts, at Sunday Trail for dinner and to record Eric playing the guitar and Laurel singing.

1967 - June - Laurel left with her parents and siblings for a year in Europe. See Evelyn BOX Notes for details of trip.

1967 - Nov - Laurel flew home from Paris and lived with her Grandmother Box in San Mateo until the family came home from Europe the following summer. She worked for the San Mateo Recreation Department from Dec 1967 to Sep 1968; then again the Summer of 1969.

1968 - Sep - Returned to UCLA to continue her studies.

1969 - Oct - Began part-time work in UCLA Research Library

1970 - 18 Jun - The entire Behm family was at Sunday Trail for Laurel's 21st Birthday dinner and celebration.

1972 - Laurel earned her B.A. as a Theatre Arts Major, UCLA

1972 - Oct - Went to work full-time in the Research Library, UCLA as a Library Assistant #1, and left the Research Library as a Library Assistant #3.

1977 - May to Present - Transferred to Bio-Med Library, UCLA, with a promotion to Library Assistant #4. She has been Circulation Desk Supervisor for several years now, and was instrumental in installing a complex computer system in the Library.



Sat 23 Feb 1991 - Evelyn & Don's 45th Wedding Anniversary Party arranged and beautifully organized by their four children: David, Lynette, Laurel and Mark.

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1954 - Mark Andrew BEHM b 7 Jun 1954, San Francisco, SF Co, CA
 Parents: Donnal George BEHM & Evelyn Marie BOX

1954 - Birth announcement on page 1 of Aunt Anita's 1954 scrapbook has a sketch of mama and papa rabbit and 3 little ones on cover:

"This is number 3 in our family tree - (inside) it's a boy, Mark Andrew, June 7, 1954, weight 8 lbs, Don and Evelyn Behm."

1957 - The entire Behm family visited Alice & Ken during the summer and one of the highlights was a visit to Travel Town in Griffith Park. Mark was a train enthusiast at a very early age, and this was his first opportunity to climb up in the cab of a locomotive, explore a caboose and to have a train ride on the Griffith Park RR. A thrilling day in his young life! We also went to Disneyland where he rode on every train ride available.

1959 - Oct "letter" from Mark to "Alice and Ken from Mark" followed by some ink "free abstract designs" - Evelyn wrote on the back of the "letter" - "It is just scribbling, but he wants an answer!"

1970 - 6 Jan San Mateo The Times, Page 3 article: "Boy, 15, Lectures S.M. Councilmen - A 15-year-old high school boy last night took the San Mateo City Council by the hand and led the way.

"He showed his elders where it 'would be far better for the area - and for the whole city,' if instead of a Chrysler Corp auto sales complex, the city could develop a multi-million dollar Civic Center and Convention Hall complex on the site..." The Council listened to Mark Behm, a resident of the embattled Nineteenth Avenue Eichler tract, which has waged an unrelenting fight against the project and which is the home neighborhood of Councilman Roy Archibald. ... "The boy proposed a six-story city hall, surrounded by an office complex, and including a convention center. He said that as part of its fine effort the city should raze the Kaiser hot plant located on the L C Smith property alongside the railroad track. ... "No one asked how much such a program would cost..." Young Behm was strongly encouraged by Councilman Archibald who pointed to the proposal as a fine piece of imaginative thinking which the Council should pursue.... "Young Behm gave the council reasons why the site is ideal for a Civic Center and Convention Hall complex: It is at the heart of the population center of the city (and Peninsula)..." "It is near a railroad track, and it is bordered by Delaware Street, which he pointed out is designed as a major arterial..." "The high school boy also suggested to the council that the project be developed by the creation of a non-profit corporation of investors who could forward the funds for the complex and it would be paid out over 40 years when the city would own the building."

1970 - Jan Undated Unattributed (probably San Mateo Times) article obviously printed after the foregoing column and before the following one:

Photo captioned "THIS IS 15-YEAR-OLD Mark Behm's proposal for a Civic-Convention-Office Center Complex covering some 18.5 acres of property in the Nineteenth Avenue Park Center which is currently being studied by the San Mateo City Council... The model does not show any surface parking, and young Behm told the council that the six-story city hall structure in the Center would have underground parking."

"S.M. REFERENDUM BUILDS UP - Here are the latest developments today in the Nineteenth Avenue tract... Fifteen-year-old Mark Behm, billed as a 'boy planner' is to be the subject of a press conference Friday, 11 AM at the San Mateo City Hall... arranged by residents opposed to the Chrysler project..."

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1970 - 10 Jan San Francisco Examiner-Page 3 clipping of article and photo:
 (Caption) "MARK BEHM AND A MODEL OF HIS PLAN FOR A CIVIC CENTER - San Mateo youth has designed a complex with a City Hall, auditorium and offices - San Mateo Center - Young Man's Big Plan "It's not often a veteran city planner can hold the attention of a roomful of newsmen for a full hour.....Mark Behm did yesterday. ..."Only Mark is far from a full-fledged planner. As a 15 year old high school sophomore he has a long way to go. ..."Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Donnal G Behm... held the one-hour press conference to explain his plan for a San Mateo Civic Center on an 18.5 acre site in the 19th Avenue Park Center. "The plan so impressed the San Mateo City Council last Monday that the council delayed passage of an ordinance permitting the Chrysler Corporation to build an automobile sales complex at the same location. ..."Mark's presentation, complete with a cardboard scale model he built, had the backing of the 19th Avenue Park Improvement Association, whose secretary, Mrs Rudolph Lapp, said, when she introduced him: ..."He is typical of the youth of our community. He realizes as we do that a car lot in our area would be a future blight. PETITION - "'If the council decides against us, we will file a petition for a referendum against the action.' "The model shows City Hall, auditorium and a complex of office structures that would supply needed revenue to the city...."'The area,' said Mark, 'is the focal point for public service. It is near two freeways, namely 19th Avenue and the Bayshore, and the (SP) railway.' \$8 MILLION ESTIMATE -"'I am terribly interested in the plan because I envision the needs of the city and the necessity to plan ahead for the next 40 years,' he said in the manner of an experienced planner. ..."He estimates the cost in the neighborhood of \$8 million and suggested it could be financed over a 40 year period through a non-profit corporation. As it grew, he said, revenues from private and other government lessees could help to pay off the indebtedness. ..."Wayne Swan, member of the San Mateo planning department, listened intently and then conceded, 'It's a plan to be considered.'"

1972 - Jun - Mark graduated from Aragon High School, San Mateo.

PLEASE see Mark's Resume for more detailed vocational/educational notes.

1974 - 1987: COMPOSITIONS BY MARK BEHM

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| 1974-76 | STRING QUARTET | |
| 1975-76 | TRIO FOR VIOLIN, CELLO AND PIANO | |
| 1977-78 | DUO FOR VIOLIN AND CELLO | |
| 1978 | GRADATIONS - composition on tape | |
| 1978 | QUIET WINTER for flute, bassoon, viola,
double bass and harp | |
| 1978 | BOOK FOR PIANO (Work in progress) | |
| 1978 | MONODY I | 1987-89 REMINISCENCE |
| 1985 | MONODY II | 1983 ATOPOS (in progress) |
| 1980 | POINTS OF ACCORD for Flutes and Viola | |
| 1980-81 | ECHO for two pianos (rev 1983) | |
| 1980-82 | FIVE PIECES FOR ORGAN | |
| 1982-88 | AN EMERGENCE for soprano voice, flute, clarinet,
guitar, percussion and cello | |
| 1987 | CONTINUING CITIES for orchestra (in progress) | |

1972 to present - Mark's abilities and talents other than musical composition are so well defined in his resume that I quote it here verbatim:

JOB OBJECTIVE: Contract work as a technical writer working with programming language systems or forward-looking work.

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SYSTEMS: Operating Systems: UNIX System; MS-DOS, MS-Windows; AmigaDOS
 Languages: C, C++, UNIX System Shell, BASIC, TOPIC, TUTOR (PLATO).
 Test Tools: Automator, Autotester.
 Text Processors/Formatters: UNIX System vi, ex, sam editors; nroff, troff, mm,
 Doctools formatters. MacIntosh MacWrite. Amiga Textcraft.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1985 - Consultant, Modern Human Resources, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ 08807
 Responsibilities: System Test for AT&T Bell Laboratories, Warren, NJ.
 Authoring technical documents for AT&T Bell Laboratories, Summit,
 Piscataway, and Whippany, NJ.
 SECURE ONLINE ACCESS TO SYSTEMS software. Authored and implemented test
 plans. Tested and wrote Automator and Autotester scripts for software.
 Created and conducted training courses for system administrators.
 System Administrator for local SOAS system.
 C++ LANGUAGE SYSTEM Release 2.0/2.1 software. Authored "C++ Release
 Notes" and "C++ Programmer's Guide." Compiled/edited "C++ Library
 Manual" and "C++ Selected Readings."
 INTEGRATED SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM software. Authored "User's
 Guide," "Administrator's Guide," "Release Notes," & "Product Overview"
 INSTRUCTIONAL WORKBENCH software. Authored "TOPIC Language Programmer's
 Manual" and "Administrator's Handbook." Authored TOPIC language software
 & authoring tools for system. Doctools macro package site administrator.
 AUTOMATED CABLE EXPERTISE software. Authored "User Manual;"
 co-authored "Insatallation Manual."
- 1983-85 Editorial Assistant, The Rockefeller University, New York, NY.
 Responsibilities: Development of new UNIX-based manuscript tracking and
 record-keeping system for scientific journal, "The Journal of Cell
 Biology." Authored "User Manual" for JCB manuscript tracking system.
 Compiled statistics from Ingres data base. Responsible for management of
 office with 4 staff members, training of off-site users, interaction
 with authors, editors.
- 1983 Bilingual secretary, Union Bank of Bavaria, New York, NY.
 Responsibilities: Typing German/English correspondence, handling
 switchboard/WATS line to Munich office.
- 1982 Administrative Assistant, Lyric Opera of Chicago.
- 1981-82 Visiting Lecturer in Music, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 1980-81 Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1978-80 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1972-73 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. Major: architecture.
- 1973-74 Canada College, Woodside, CA. Major: music
- 1974-76 University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. Major: music composition.
 Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Music.
- 1977-82 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL. Major:
 music theory-composition. Degree: Master of Music. Ph.D. candidate.
 Coursework in music theory, composition, computer sound synthesis, and
 computer-assisted instruction.
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HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1983 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst scholarship for study in West Germany.
- 1983 MacDowell Colony Fellow, winter term.
- 1982 Dissertation Research Grant, University of Illinois.
Outstanding Young Man of America Award.
- 1980 Included in "Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding by Their Students," University of Illinois.
Finalist, ASCAP Grants to Young Composers Awards.

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

- 1983 "ASUC Region V Conference," review, in PERSPECTIVES OF NEW MUSIC.
- 1982 Prepublication reviews, CRITICAL TONALITY by Richard Norton, for Pennsylvania State University Press.
- 1980 "An Interactive Program for Teaching Theory of Acoustics," graduate project on PLATO system, University of Illinois.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

German, Spanish; advanced written and spoken
Indonesian; intermediate written and spoken

1981 - 2-12 letter to Mother: "I am having several pieces of music performed this semester and in one case it has meant finishing the piece for performance. All this will take place in April....have a flexible schedule ...taking one course this semester aside from thesis units...still applying for various fellowships, grants, jobs and programs....will have my summer youth music job this July, then will be on my own."

1990 - 5 Jul postcard from Mark in Indonesia to Alice & Glen in Hollywood: "Dear Alice & Glen, We were at Borobudur yesterday, and may return today, if there's time. It requires a decent interval to really see the place. "Yogyakarta is like a real introduction to Asia - crowded, noisy, with the bazaar atmosphere and Moslem influence obvious everywhere. It's like a sample of Marrakesh or Islamabad. But it's also a fairly sophisticated university town with good bookstores and excellent food. "I loved Bali. I've never been to anyplace that was so completely unusual and so culturally rich. One can understand why the Hindus on Bali consider their gods to reside on the island. We saw magnificent performances including a Legong dance that was stunning. I'm stopping by there (1 day) on my way back to the US. Love. Mark. (Picture on front is of the early 9th century monument of Borobudur in Central Java - the world's largest Buddhist Stupa.)

1990 - 21 Dec - Christmas card note: "Dear Alice & Glen, This will be a brief card, of necessity. I'm leaving for Paris tomorrow night, and getting some cards written in the seemingly brief interval between work and my vacation. However, we will have the chance to catch up in Feb when I assume I will see you for Mother & Pop's anniversary. Natutu and I will both be there. "My friend Doug is in France working on his PhD, so he's been trying to get me to come visit. Suddenly I had a week off, so on the spur of the moment decided to go ahead. I'm looking forward to a wonderful trip. "Natutu and I had a tremendous visit to Indonesia last summer. Bali especially overwhelmed me with the richness of culture and beauty. All is well with us. The house continues to be a source of pleasure and relaxation away from the madness of NYC. My new job (no longer new after 9 months) is a challenge and a pleasure....Love, Mark"

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1956 - David Donnal BEHM b 7 Jul 1956, San Francisco, SF Co, CA
 Parents: Donnal George BEHM & Evelyn Marie BOX
 m Sandra "Sandy" BELL 26 Dec 1982, San Mateo, SM CO, CA (div 1990)

1956 - Aunt Anita's 1956 scrapbook, page 1, has announcement of David's birth: a sketch of the Eiffel Tower on the front, with the words, "this creation isn't from France (turn to inside) but looks very stylish in 3-cornered pants.... model: boy; size: 8 lbs, 8 oz; trade mark: David Donnal; date: July 7; designers: Don & Evelyn Behm"

....and I have a different announcement:

"Rabbits, Schmabbits! Look at US! Name: David Donnal; Born July 7; Where: S.F.; Weight: 8 lbs 8 oz; Remarks: Don & Evelyn Behm"

1965 - Summer - David went to Stirling City with his Grandma Box and Aunt Alice and had a chance to be the "only child." We went to Philbrook Lake, Inskip, Feather River and explored around Stirling City.

1967 - June - David left with his entire family for a year in Europe. See Evelyn Box Notes for details.....except for the following:
 One of the great stories from Evelyn's and Don's Sabbatical year in Europe was about their visit to the British Museum in London. The family had split up so that each child could pursue his/her own interests. Evelyn and Don were quietly examining an exhibit in one of the rooms when David came running through the 'hallowed halls' shouting: "I FOUND THE ROSETTA STONE!!"

1970 - 7 Feb San Mateo Times Second Front Page of the Peninsula Section has a photo captioned: "GOODBYE TO PARADISE - A quartet of Borel Middle School students take a nostalgic walk through nearby wilderness after learning that the area is destined for commercial developmenmt. Exploring the wooded area across from the school playground are from left, Randy Eisenberg, David Behm, Connie Cummings and Chris Botelho." The article describes how the students recorded their feelings in paintings, drawings, free verse, Haiku and even prayer over the loss of the natural area to a proposed office development."

1972-1974 - Played Trombone in the Aragon High School Band; played halfback on the football team; was on the All-County Team in track - long jump; and played Oscar in the musical SWEET CHARITY in his Senior Year.

1974-1976 - Attended the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena on a scholarship from the Fall of 1974 until the Spring of 1976.

1980's - In the early 80's won a scholarship to the Joffrey Ballet in New York and danced in Joffrey II Company on the Atlantic Coast.

1982 - 26 Dec - Married Sandra BELL, a ballet teacher and animal rights activist from Burbank, CA. They were married in Evelyn and Don's home in San Mateo, CA and Sandy wore Evelyn's wedding dress.

1983 - Andrew Christian BEHM born 28 July.

1988 to present - Business Representative for the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union, Local 681.

1990 - David and Sandy's divorce final. They share custody of Andrew.

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1983 - Andrew Christian BEHM b 28 Jul 1983, Panorama City, Los Angeles Co, CA
Parents: David Donnal BEHM & Sandra (BELL) CASSARINO

1983 - Andrew was born in Kaiser-Permanente Hospital in Panorama City. His great-grandmother, Addie Box, was spending the summer with Alice and Glen, so she was able to see him less than 24 hours after he was born. After her stroke in 1985 Andrew was the only one in the family she recognized for several weeks. His visits always made her feel better.

1988-89 - Andrew attended Kindergarten at McKinley School in Burbank, and went to the Music Box Daycare Center after school. His parents were separated by this time, and when Sandy was gone, Alice picked him up. He took ice skating lessons at Pickwick Arena, and went to many parks and cultural events with Alice and Glen.

1989-90 - Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School was the closest to both Sandy's and David's apartments in Burbank, so Andrew went there for the First Grade: Mrs Bailey was his teacher. In his one year there, he won awards and prizes for bringing in the most PTA memberships; selling the most Christmas wrap packages for a fund-raiser; and having more Adopt-a-Books purchased in his name than any other student in the school.

1990-1991 - Andrew spent much of the summer with his mother in Bethesda, MD while she worked with an animal rights group in the Washington DC area. While he was away David moved to Huntington Beach to eliminate the very long and tiring commute to his office in Long Beach. Andrew attended the Joseph Perry Elementary School for the Second Grade. He and his dad will accompany Evelyn and Don to Alaska on the Rotterdam this summer...and they are even going to fly to Nome to see where Andrew's great-grandparents Box lived.



Left - 1989; Above - 1990

Notes for Ralph Allen "Al" BOX-5

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1926 - Ralph Allen "Al" BOX b 2 Aug 1926, Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA
 Parents: Andrew Howell "Andy" Box & Addie Ruth MEAL
 m 1) Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT, Dr (Ph.D) 28 Jan 1951
 Oakland, Alameda Co, CA (div Feb 1988)
 m 2) Dana (ORTH) LOWRY 28 May 1988, Fremont, Alameda Co, CA

PLEASE see Judith Elaine HURT Notes for more information on Allen:

1926 - Birth announcement, in Daddy's handwriting:
 "Mr and Mrs Andrew Box announce the birth of a son - Ralph Allen Box
 on August 2-1926, Weight 8 lbs." This is in a tiny envelope addressed to Mr
 Ralph Meal, (our maternal grandfather) Livingston, CA, mailed from Oakland
 4 Aug with a 2-cent stamp. Allen's first name comes from our grandfather,
 Ralph William Meal; Allen from James Allen "Al" Box, our great-uncle.

1930's - Undated letter from Allen, I would guess at a very early age, from
 Stirling City, probably written on Uncle Reuben's office typewriter...I copy it
 verbatim:: "StirlingCitty California - ToBtheBoxes - Ih hopey you had atrip
 home.and a good time backt to wook. HasA Ant Bessey Gone to the ranch yet? Uncle
 Ruben hasn't come back yet but whenhhe dees II sewr am goeing to remind him
 about fish in the rezervoy. Witchlove, Allen Box" ... a noble effort!

1938? - 21 Jul letter from Allen in Hat Creek : "Dear Family, It's very hot but
 I'm going to write anyway. In Aunt Anita's bedroom it's 89. Sunday we
 are going to Stirling City to see Beryl and her baby...
 "Every morning since Monday it has been awfly hot and in the afternoon we have
 a thunder shower and Uncle Rubin has a lighting fire. Every day we ride the
 muel and I catch it. Sometimes she gets stubborn but it doesn't make any
 difference to us. With love, Allen Box"

1939 - 15 Aug Letter in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "Dear Aunt Ora - Thankyou
 for the dollar you gave me for my birthday. I'm using it for a bank
 account for my Boy Scouts test for thrift. ..." Evelyn and I made the cookies for
 the Box family's pleasure. Uncle Nick is bringing back Alice from Los Angeles."

1940's - Undated Oakland Tribune photo clipping captioned: "This Christian
 Endeavor group at Fruitvale Presbyterian Church probes problem of reaching
 other youths. Chairman Kenneth Spencer asks view of study section, Peter
 Hewitt, Shirley Marshall, Allen Box and Janet Wallace."

1945 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has the front page of the PORTLAND PRESS HERALD,
 Portland, Maine, Monday morning, December 3, 1945:

"Former Air Force Cadets 'Thumb' 3,000 Miles to See Local Buddy"

(picture of the three of them above caption and article)

Former Army Air Forces Cadets R Allen Box, left, and G Howard Garnick, who
 hitch-hiked from Keesler Field, Miss after discharge to visit their buddy, also
 a former Cadet, Ralph W Conant...They will leave here today to hitch-hike across
 the Nation to Oakland, Calif. ...Having visited 22 states and hitch-hiked
 3,000 miles since leaving Keesler Field Nov 6, Box and Garnick plan to resume
 their hitch- hiking odyssey, rolling up their total mileage to 6,500 miles and
 of states visited to 34, plus Canada, before arriving at their Oakland homes...
 "All three are enthusiastic hitch-hikers, having used furloughs and passes
 during their Army service to travel by this means to Nogales, Mexico, Boulder
 Dam, Los Angeles, Oakland, Hollywood, Vicksburg and parts of Florida... The
 pair stopped a week in Washington on their way here, another week in New York,
 and two days in Boston, where they encountered a blizzard, the only untoward

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experience of their trip. From here they plan to go to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and through Canada to Detroit, then to Chicago, St Paul, Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake City, making the 3,500 miles in one week. Their schedule calls for 24-hour-a-day travel, allowing for stop-overs for sleep in Denver and Chicago...."

1945 - Undated Oakland clipping: "WEARY HITCHHIKERS *** Pair Ends 7000-Mile Trip - 'We wouldn't trade anything for California!'

"That was the statement today of two Oakland boys who returned home with weary feet and tired thumbs after 'hitching' their way over more than 7000 miles of the United States. ...The 'vagabonds' are Allen Box, 19, son of Andrew H Box, Oakland police inspector, and Mrs Box... and Howard Garnick, 19, son of Mr and Mrs George H Garnick... "School day chums, the boys were reunited at their army separation center, Keesler field, at Biloxi, Miss, and for five weeks toured the east and middle west..."DRIVERS SCARCE ...'The drivers were swell,' Box said, 'But sometimes there weren't many of them. About three weeks ago we were caught in that nearly-hurricane weather near Boston. It was cold and there was a lot of sleet and rain. It wasn't too bad, even though we had just rain coats, no overcoats.' Both Washington, D C and New York city impressed Box and Garnick the most...'We stayed in both those places for six days,..' Box explained. 'In fact, we never left the center of town. We both took pictures of our entire trip. I was a little disappointed in Philadelphia. It was too smokey.' ...The most interesting experience of the trip - besides the impressive monuments and buildings of Washington and New York - took place in Ogden...'We arrived there late at night,' Box said, 'and we couldn't find a place to sleep. A waitress in a restaurant told us to see a certain police officer. He took us to jail, built a fire and let us sleep in one of the cells. It is needless to explain we weren't under arrest.' ...The boys estimated they traveled 7000 miles and had approximately 160 rides. The longest ride they received was from Salt Lake City to their front doors. ...'Our shortest ride was 200 yards,' Box said. 'The lady wasn't going where we were headed.' "VISITED 23 STATES ...In all, Garnick and Box traveled through 23 states, Washington, D C and Canada. ...'Of them all,' Box said, 'New England has the best scenery.' ...Both boys graduated from Oakland high school in June, 1945, and both have tentative plans for entering the University of California in February... "Box has two sisters, Evelyn, a University of California student, and Alice, employed by the American Broadcasting company in Hollywood."

1946 - Allen drove Uncle Reuben to Trinity County where Uncle Reuben had rented a cabin for his annual trapping adventure. The cabin for this year was just across the river from the old Box Ranch in Hyampom. Allen said Box Canyon in Trinity County is named for our family.

1947 - 10 Jan letter from Allen to Aunt Ora (excerpts):

"...I don't know if you have heard or not but I am working at Badger Pass Ski Lodge... I have been here since Dec 15 and so far the job has been swell. I make about a hundred and forty dollars a month with a good possibility of a raise. ...I'm just now beginning to learn a little about skiing. It is a great sport and I hope that by the end of the season I'll be able to handle skis so that in the future I may enter in competition. ...There are a lot of swell fellows up here working. Five of them, who happen to be the ones that I work with, are all very young, about twenty... I hope to leave for Oakland Sunday night if possible. I have to have a loose bridge fixed, but would also like to see Mother & Daddy, Evelyn and Don and all my friends. ... Love, Allen"

1950 -Anita's book: "Betrothed, Miss Judith Elaine Hurt, Mr Ralph Allen Box"

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1951 - 28 Jan - Wedding invitation: "Mrs Lurline Rucker requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Judith Elaine Hurt to Mr Ralph Allen Box on Sunday, the twenty-eighth of January at four o'clock in the afternoon, Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Oakland, California"...with engraved card enclosed: "Reception immediately following the ceremony - The Church Parlor, Oakland, California - Please respond"

1953 - 15 Jun - Sketch of stork carrying a ribbon-tied box through the air, and same box with the typed message "A Little Box" and a delivery tag: "For Allen and Judy Box - Contents: Jon Andrew - Shipping Weight: 7 lbs. 6 oz; C.O.D.: June 15, 1953"

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has year-end letter from Alice: "Allen and Judy (and Jon Andrew Box as of the middle of June 1953...the first grandson in the family) live in the family home (Hampel St, Oakland). Allen is Recreation Director at the Allendale Playground and Recreation Center in Oakland."

1955 - 13 Jul - Sketch of baby chick breaking out of the shell with proud rooster and hen proclaiming "Something to Crow About!"...and inside: "Glenn Kenneth arrived on July 13, 1955, weight 7 lbs 1 oz, parents Judy & Allen Box"

1955 - Became General Recreation Supervisor, City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

1958 - Undated clipping: "New SR Recreation Head Begins Duties - Allen Box, 32, took up his duties today as Santa Rosa's new recreation superintendent, and said that there will be no immediate changes in recreation here that will be noticed by the general public...."

"Mr Box has been general recreation supervisor here for the past two and a half years. He was designated early in the summer to take over administration of the city's recreation program after Joseph Juliana... resigned... ..Mr Box heads a department with six full-time employees and from 15 to 50 part-time employees, depending upon the season. ...Mr Box will co-ordinate his activities with those of his 'opposite number,' Lindsey Strout, who was recently promoted to superintendent of parks. Mr Strout is responsible for all maintenance of parks, and Mr Box for the recreation program in those parks. ...Mr Box is a native of Berkeley. He lived in Oakland until graduation from high school. He worked for the Oakland Recreation Department first on a part-time basis, and later as full-time employee, from 1943 to 1955. ...He is a graduate of San Francisco State College in recreation, and a veteran of the Army Air Corps..."

1959 - Allen was President of District I (Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Solano, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties) of the California Park and Recreation Society.

1960-1965 - Allen and Judy moved to England for 2 years and France for 3 years, where Allen was Base Recreation Manager for the U S Air Force. They lived near Ipswich, Suffolk, England, where sons Jon and Glenn attended British schools and developed delightful English accents....soon lost when they attended American school in France. A villa on the Moselle River owned by a French television critic was their home for the remaining three years. It was located near Nancy at Rosieres-en-Haye, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, the birthplace of their third son, Paul Allen, in 1963. (See Judy HURT Notes for more details) During their time abroad, Allen served as President of the European Recreation Society and still holds an honorary Life Membership in this organization.

1960 - 10 Jul - Letter from Allen to his parents from England:
"Dear Mother & Daddy, This will probably be our last week-end of leisure. Alice"

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and Ken will probably be here next Fri or Sat. We will also get our car on Wed. or Thur so we will be on the go more when the time is available. Places like Cambridge, Oxford, Windsor, Norwich, New Marliet (Horse racing), London, Canterbury are all within a few hours drive. We will be able to leave on Sat AM, have a leisure trip, see the sights and be home at an early hour on Sun. When we have more than a week-end we will be able to get to Scotland or the continent. Financially we will be in great shape as soon as all our money catches up. The A F still owes us well over \$350 besides salary. Our housing allowance of \$1,600 per year will just about cover our living expenses other than food and the luxury items. We will be able to save some, but most of the balance will go to travel.

"Jon and Glenn love this house and the one acre of garden. It is mostly grass and does not have to be watered and needs mowing only in the spring. We have about a dozen fruit trees: apples, pears, cherries, plums and figs - about 3 dozen strawberry plants, lettuce, beans, cabbage and a pond 30' x 70' full of goldfish and water lilies. Will you send me some corn seed and carrot seed. They don't have anything worthwhile here and I would like to try some Calif. type. The soil is quite heavy, but very sandy.

"The house is quite big, but is very comfortable and I'm sure that as soon as we 'Americanize' it things will be better. We have an automatic washer, which means it has a timer for the wash cycle and a spin dryer. It is a little better than Mother's old Johnson. The refrigerator is 5 cubic feet, very large by British standards - some are as small as 1 cu ft - yes, ONE. They look like doll house furniture. Stoves are in the same category. Our present oven will take a 9"x12" cookie sheet, hence we are getting a new stove next week. It will have a normal size oven (American), two speed burners and a broiler at eye level, the newest thing here.

"Work is coming along fine. We opened a new Auto Hobby Shop on Fri. It will house 8 cars and has tools and machinery to rebuild completely any automobile. "Commander & Mrs Sitwell, our landlords, have given two parties to introduce us to their friends. They (the friends) are very interesting. One is the great grandson of Constable, the English painter. (NOTE: The Constables were neighbors of Judy and Allen and became very good friends) We also met Sir Laurence and Lady Graffy-Smith. She is an American and was born in Berkeley. We met the Earl of Stradbrook's brother, Maj Rous. They have all been very friendly and we have been asked to a couple of other parties in the next week or so. The Comdr & Mrs Sitwell will leave for Canada next Thur for four months, so we will be on our own. We have come to know several Amer. couples also, so I'm sure that with our few visitors from home (I hope you come next summer) the two or more years will pass rather quickly.

"It is late and even dark outside - it doesn't get dark until 10:30PM and is light at 4AM. Let us know how things are at home. Love, Allen."

(NOTE: This letter marks the beginning of a most wonderful series of letters, mostly from Judy with a few from Allen and the boys, chronicling the many trips abroad, and through Britain. There is not enough space to include every letter or activity while in England, but this letter from Allen serves as an excellent introduction to this major change in their lives. We also exchanged 'letter tapes' on which we and the entire family were able to hear the English accents of Jon and Glenn.)

1960 - Aunt Anita's 1960-61 scrapbook has a Christmas card and note from Judy, Allen, Jon and Glenn: "Dear Aunt Anita & Uncle Reuben, We have had a wonderful reception in England. We have met many English people from all walks of life. We have done some sight-seeing in near-by areas and London, but will be doing a lot more in England and the Continent next year.

"Norman and Fran were here a few weeks ago. It was good to see them. We will be

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with them for Christmas if our plans work out....."

1960-61 - Undated letter from Allen to his parents - excerpt: "...My job is going well. I have been doing staff studies and reports ever since I have arrived, but I'm the first professional recreation man they have had here and they are getting everything they can from me and as a result I make a few observations and then write a long report on what should be done to correct or improve a situation or problem. This is OK once in awhile, but as a steady diet for six months it's beginning to wear a little thin, especially when I have no one to dictate reports to as I did in S.R. (Santa Rosa)..."

1963 - 31 Jan telegram from Allen to Alice/Ken Ramsay in Hollywood: "Paul Allen 30 January"...and later by mail, a birth announcement: "It's lucky I'm a boy... because with a name like Paul Allen I'd feel silly being a girl! I was born on 30 January 63, which is also my birthday. My parents Allen and Judy Box tell me I weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. 20"

1963 - 20 Mar - Letter from Allen to his parents from France:
 "Dear Mother and Daddy, I'm sorry you missed the tape we sent to Alice & Ken. Paul opened the show with as much voice as he was capable of at that age. He still doesn't cry very much and has a tiny voice. He is very handsome and his hair may be a light red. The red hair is OK, but he may also have the complexion to go with it. You will probably see him before he is a year old and can help spoil him then.
 "The package that is on the way is for an early Father's Day gift for you, Daddy, and the other is for Lynette's birthday. Daddy, I hope you can use the gift. It will be good for rain and dust and will give storage protection, but should only be used when needed. This should make you wonder what it is.
 "Jon now has a real desire to learn to play baseball. I ordered a good glove for him (Glenn also). Until it comes I borrowed one from the Athletic Section and he is progressing very well. He wants to start hitting now, but there isn't enough room here, and I am not ready to chase balls either. I'll have to take him out to the base and give him some practice with other boys. He is doing well in Cubs also. Should be a 'Wolf' in a few weeks. He has his uniform and must wear it every Tues. He has his 'Den 6' meeting after school. I pick him up at 5PM and bring him home.
 "Glenn has just contracted conjunctivitis in his left eye. It is a virus infection, but seems to be getting better. He is out of school as it is very contagious. He is growing so fast, he is now wearing slim pants and is getting thinner every day (Judy wrote in the margin here 'He's just growing, not ill') He is doing very well at school. He reads well and his grades are good. Talking about reading, Jon picked up Sandburg's Lincoln and was reading it.
 "The fishing season has just opened here. We have a French fishing rod - 16' long and are going fishing soon.
 "We are planning a trip to Berlin from 17 Apr to 21 Apr. Jon & Glenn will go, but we will leave Paul with a sitter at Toulair (the Base housing area). It should be a good trip. We will take the microbus all the way...
 "Spring finally seems to be arriving. I have been pruning the roses (78) and fruit trees (18). I'll soon have to start mowing the lawn. We have a few snow Drops out. Our garden will be beautiful in a few more weeks. Why don't you come over and see it this summer? Love, Allen. P.S. Our raspberries and currants are still dormant. Do I cut them back to ground level or just let go as is? There is nothing new (shoots) coming out."

1965-66 - Business card: "R Allen Box, Recreation Consultant. - Leadership Training, Program Evaluation, Federal Grant Applications, Recreation Planning"

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1966 - May 6 - Allen employed by the City of Fremont as Coordinator of Volunteer Services. Reclassified as Supervisor of Volunteer Services in July.

1966 -Jul - "Allen Box New Volunteer Services Supervisor- "...former Community Center director for the Oakland Recreation Dept, and former chief of the recreation program in Santa Rosa, is the new supervisor of Volunteer Services section of the city of Fremont's Community Recreation Dept. ...Box, married and father of three boys, joined the Fremont staff after five years as a civilian base recreation manager for the U S Air Force. ...He received his Bachelor's degree in recreation at San Francisco State College, and became a member of the state's first 'registered recreators.' ...Box terms the 'volunteer potential' in Fremont 'fantastic,' and feels that by 'becoming involved in the planning and implementation of leisure programs, the citizens of Fremont will enjoy the facilities.' ...Among his duties Box will have charge of the Fremont Youth Service and the operation of an adult Volunteer Services Bureau."

1968 - Jul - Reclassified to Senior Recreation Program Supervisor, Fremont, CA

1968 - President of District III (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) and Treasurer of the California Park and Recreation Society.

1969-1970 - Allen taught a graduate course at San Francisco State: "Supervision of Recreation." He later taught "Introduction to Recreation" at Ohlone College.

1970 - President of North Region of California Park and Recreation Society.

1971 - 16 Aug - Named Leisure Services Superintendent, City of Fremont.

1975 - Secretary/Treasurer of California Park and Recreation Society.

1977 - CA Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference Program Chairman

1980 - 11 Dec 11:30PM - Allen and Judy called to tell us that before they were married in 1951 they had had a baby girl in 1949. She had recently contacted them, and the Box family added a wonderful new member and her family: Patricia (Box) (Farrelle) Rego, her husband, Ed, their son Trace and daughter Jodi. Pat had been adopted by the Farrelle family. Her adoptive father died in 1980, her mother was confined to a rest home, and her half brother was not close to her. She decided to find her birth parents, which made a decidedly happy ending to a dramatic story.

1982 -Oct 1-Title change: Community Services Director for the City of Fremont.

1986 - 19 Jan letter from Allen to Alice & Glen: "We just got home from seeing Mother. She was in the dining room when we arrived. Looked good but didn't eat much lunch. We took her for a walk around the block - it was cool outside, but she enjoyed the walk (ride). When we got back she wanted to walk. Judy and I - one on each arm - took her to the hall and back. She was exhausted but OK.."

1986 - Mar or Apr - Judy and Allen separated.

1986 - May - "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT HONORING R ALLEN BOX UPON HIS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF FREMONT - WHEREAS, R Allen (Al) Box began employment with the City of Fremont on May 6, 1966, as Coordinator of Volunteer Services, reclassified as

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Supervisor of Volunteer Services July, 1966, reclassified to Senior Recreation Program Supervisor July, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Al Box was promoted to the position of Leisure Services Superintendent on August 16, 1971, and received a classification title change to Community Services Director on October 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, in his long career in Fremont community service has been responsible for the delivery of a diversified program for Fremont residents, demonstrated the ability to meet the demands of a growing city, instrumental in the planning to meet open space needs; and

WHEREAS, Al Box exhibits credibility, honesty, and developed a trusting relationship with his professional colleagues and produced solutions to difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, the California Park and Recreation Society recently presented the 'Outstanding Professional Recreator' award to Al in recognition of his abilities and contributions to the park and recreation profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont does hereby congratulate and express its gratitude to Al Box for twenty years of loyal service and wish him a continuing and rewarding career with the City of Fremont.

Angus Morrison
William Ball

John Baker
John Dutra

Gary Mello

(signed) Angus Morrison, Mayor

1988 -1 Feb - Judy and Allen's divorce Final.

1988 - 28 May - Allen and Dana (ORTH) LOWRY were married in a private family ceremony Saturday, 28 May 1988. A family reception was held at Dana's home in Fremont after the ceremony.

1988 - 29 May - Invitation with "Celebration" written above a long-stemmed red rose design on the cover, and inside: "It is a joyous pleasure to share with you the Celebration of our Wedding at a Reception May 29 1988! Please join us ...for a Great Evening-Dinner and Dancing-Your gift to us is your presence!"

1988 - 4 Nov - Invitation: "You are invited to attend a Retirement Party for AL BOX November 4, 1988 6:00-9:00 PM at the WARM SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER..."

1988 -30 Nov -"California State Legislature Resolution:

"By the Honorable Bill Lockyer, 10th Senatorial District; and the Honorable Delaine Eastin, 18th Assembly District;

"Relative to Commending

R Allen Box

"Whereas, R Allen Box has retired as Community Services Director of the City of Fremont, thus bringing to a close a career with the city that spans more than 22 years, and it is appropriate at this time that his many career achievements be highlighted and that he be extended special public recognition and highest commendations; and

"Whereas Allen Box first became interested in the field of recreation in 1943, when he became a Playground Recreation Director for the City of Oakland, and, following graduation from San Francisco State University with bachelor's and master's degrees, he gained experience as a General Recreation Supervisor and Recreation Superintendent for the City of Santa Rosa; and

"Whereas, Following work as a Base Recreation Manager of the United States Air Force in England and France, he joined the staff of the City of Richmond as a grant writer and, the same year (May 1966), became Supervisor of Volunteer Services; and

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"Whereas, During his tenure as Community Services Director, he has been instrumental in the opening of 8 softball fields, 15 community park tennis courts, the 18-court Fremont Tennis Center, and the 10-field soccer complex, the construction of the Los Cerritos, Centerville and Warm Springs Community Centers, and the transformation of parks from areas of passive open turf to areas developed for all type of outdoor activities, and he established fee programs and oversaw the expansion of the department that include Environmental Services and Youth and Family Counseling; and

"Whereas, He provided valuable leadership as the President of the Duroean Recreation Society and Districts I and III of the California Park and Recreation Society; and

"Whereas, the contributions that R Allen Box has made in the welfare and improvement of the community have been of inestimable value, and he has made a lasting contribution to the City of Fremont; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED BY THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY That the members take great pride and pleasure in drawing special public attention to R Allen Box on his exemplary record of professional and civic achievements, and extend to him sincere best wishes for a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

Resolution No. 5

Approved by the Joint Rules Committee

Subscribed this 30th Day of November 1988

David Roberti, . Chairman

(signed)

Willie Lewis Brown, Jr

Senate Rules Committee

Speaker of the Assembly

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

1989 - Feb 22 - Letter from Allen to Alice and Glen in South America:

"...Hope this reaches you ok - All is well with us. No more new grandchildren, but Cheryl is very close...Fished in the Eel River on way home and Dana and I each caught two - 4 fish in all from 8-11 lbs & 28-31-1/2 long - Have eaten one - Delicious - Have three in freezer - Probably won't last til you get here. Have two dinner parties planned and will try to smoke some. ...Today you were in Bariloche - Wish I were with you - Your trip looks fantastic - Want to hear about it when you get back. ...I will be wallpapering tomorrow. Dawn's bedroom - our bathroom next week and the kitchen after that. Then paint the outside of house before summer - I thought I was retired!!! ...Hope this finds you having a great trip. Love, Allen"

1989 - Jul - Postcard from Allen in Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespearean Festival to Alice & Glen: "Have seen four plays with two more today. It is enjoyable and the discussion with Univ of Reno group is enlightening. We head for Reno tomorrow, then Idaho. Will pass through Hat Creek tomorrow."

1990 - 22 Jul - Allen and Dana sent us their itinerary for a trip from 22 Jul through 26 Aug to include the Oberammergau drama along with visits to West Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. They did attend the Oberammergau Festival, but were called home from Budapest on 10 Aug by the sudden death of Dana's father, Phil Orth, in Reno.

....and to end on a happier note (I think!): HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY!!!



Andy Box -- about 1895



...and his son, Allen, -- about 1928



28 Jan 1951 - Judy & Allen's wedding: 1 to r: Lurline, Judy, Allen
Addie & Andy - Park Blvd Presbyterian Church
Oakland, CA

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 1932 - Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT, Dr (Ph.D) b 14 Jan 1932, Oakland, Alameda Co CA
 Parents: Fred Elvan HURT & Lurline McFarland PARKER
 m Ralph Allen "Al" BOX 28 Jan 1951, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA (div)

PLEASE see Ralph Allen BOX for more information on Judy.

1949 - Oakland High School Graduation - Judy Hurt and Ed Meese were co-Valedictorians for the June class. (Yes, - Ed Meese of the Reagan years!)

1951 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook clipping:

"After March 1, when their honeymoon at Carmel, Lake Tahoe and the Santa Cruz Mountains will end, Mr and Mrs Ralph Allen Box (Judith Hurt) will be 'at home' in Parkview Terrace, San Francisco...For her wedding in Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Judith, a University of California student, wore a white satin redingote over white net... Marcia Hurt was maid of honor for her sister, with another sister, Virginia Rucker, joining Gail Cauthen...as bridesmaids. Lynette Behm, Ralph's niece, was flower maiden...Howard Garnick of Alameda was best man... "Mr Hurt escorted his daughter to the altar, where the Rev. Vernon L Richard of Berkeley waited to read the rites. ...The justweds left for their wedding trip after a reception in the church parlors, over 300 friends and relatives in attendance. ...Ralph is a student at San Francisco State College."

1960 - 13 June - Postcard with picture of Mr Pickwick's Bedroom at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, England from Judy to Mother & Dad Box: "Here is our bedroom until we find a house...The base made reservations for us so we have no idea of the cost, but it's delightful. Please share this card with Mom and the Behms. ...We're loving every minute of our stay here....This hotel built originally in 1518, renovated 18th Century. Love, Judy"

1960 - 14 Jul - letter from Judy in England shortly after their arrival there to Mother and Dad Box: "Thank you for your nice letter and check which arrived yesterday, Glenn's birthday. Allen did shopping at the commissary...so Glenn was all excited and had a wonderful birthday. ...We haven't heard from Alice and Ken yet but expect them almost any time... Comm Sitwell keeps a weather record - barometer, minimum and maximum temperature, rainfall and wind. I'm going to do it while he's away...All this month the temp. has varied between 50 & 74, so it really isn't so cold after all... Say hello to all the Behms for us. I've sent a package for the 3 recent birthdays...Love, Judy"

1961 - 3 Jan - from Judy in England to Mother and Dad Box:

"...at last the holidays are over and we can take a breath...Thanks so much for the large part you contributed towards our wonderful Christmas...Norman and Fran have a lovely new home - but I suppose Alice & Ken have already told you about it. It's almost like living in the states-such luxury...We hope to get to the continent for a ski weekend... We thought of all of you and wished that we could be in two places at once...PS Glenn encloses the picture for you."

1961 - 20 Feb (same as above): "Thanks so much for the nice

anniversary check. I think we'll order an end table to match our furniture. It has arrived and we love it... Your trip south sounds like fun - you certainly visited everyone! We just got a nice long letter from Alice and she mentioned the evening with Lawrence Welk too and how much you all enjoyed it. ...Still nothing definite on our coming home...it looks as if we'll stay if there is a GS-10 or 11 in Italy or Germany...I'll get a card and write a note to Uncle Reuben today - so sorry he's had to slow down so much..Love, Judy"

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1961 - 3 Aug - Letter from Judy & Allen in England to the entire family: "We have a new toy. Judy bought it with her first pay check (a typewriter with script type)...This is also a page from Alice's type of correspondence (one letter with many carbon copies) The younger you are the farther down the copy. Sorry Ginny & Chuck...There is a big turnover every summer but this year it seems to be with the people I work with... Judy is working in the youth program as Day Camp Director and Special Activities Coordinator. She comes home tired every night, but I think she enjoys it... I have taken up the game of golf...joined the Woodbridge Golf Club... taking lessons from the Pro... The new Micro Bus is occupying most of our week-ends...are building it into a camper...plan to go to Scotland for about nine days in Sept and then a long weekend for Stratford-On-Avon ...Jon will go to Camp Mohawk for a week... Glenn will go to Day Camp at the same time. Jon has become a footballer (soccer to you Yankees). He went through a new pair of shoes in ten days and two weeks later needed repair again. Shades of my past I'm afraid. He also collects birds nests and eggs and writes the strangest stories. He still reads a lot and likes to work with figures. Glenn is just beginning to read and knows his two tables as well as tens. He does his 'sums and take aways' with two digit numbers without carrying or borrowing. (NOTE: All this at 6 years of age!) He is still affectionate and is as happy as a lark. They have both been playing in sand piles when available. They make whole cities and have their complete collection of cars involved. We go fishing once in a great while and they love it.... For all of you who sent money for the boys we bought a very, very small trampoline for them. They play on it every night and have almost gone to the ultimate of its capacity. They do knee drops and seat drops and a variety of arm waving and leg shaking tricks that only boys of this age can dream up..."

1961 - 29 Aug - from Allen in England, Rookery Farm House, to his parents: "Glenn has been asking about his handcuffs ever since his letter to you. When they arrive we will see why he wants them, but I have no idea at this time... Jon went to camp and on his return six days later had a suitcase full of clean clothes and on closer inspection he was wearing someone else's shorts..."

1961 - 26 Sep - Judy in England to Mother & Dad Box: "...At least time is no problem any more since I'm working - I can't do anything but sit here and read or write so that I don't disturb the boys taking tests. It's surprising how many of these airmen have not finished high school. If they pass a battery of 5 tests ...educational equivalent of a high school graduate. The job itself is terribly dull, but there just isn't enough at home to keep me busy either. ...Jon and Glenn are just fine, still very happy in school...Jon has...a real interest in games...plays English football (soccer) at school...took him to a base football game (American) ..he was quite interested in learning and watching. Glenn still doesn't care about watching, but he loves doing - anything and everything! ...We loved our trip to Scotland. The car was very comfortable for sleeping and riding... We'd like to bring home some Danish furniture - dining room set, desk, a couple of chairs... There really is very little news - except for my Rome trip in October. Two of the other wives and I are taking a tour of Venice, Florence and Rome ..."

1961 - 15 Oct - from Allen & Judy to his parents: "...Jon and Glenn have not had a serious sickness since we have been here. We would like them to get some of the childhood diseases besides mumps while they are still children....If there is anything that you want in the line of hunting or fishing equipment let me know and I will be glad to get it here for you. Discounts are from 20-50%... Glenn received his handcuffs last week. He has started a letter several times but has not completed one as yet...He carried the handcuffs with

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him for several days. He took them to school to show his teacher...When the package arrived he knew it was handcuffs before he opened it. He has a lot of faith in his Grandpa...Judy is going to Rome next Sunday. She will be gone for 6 days. I will be taking care of the boys. What a time we will have..."

1961 - 6 Nov - from Allen and Judy to All:

...again I revert to Alice's carbon copy method of killing seven birds with one stone....(re Christmas) We would like a package of sunshine or some Tahoe Water or an evening with all of you most of all. We are not homesick, but it has been a year and a half since we have seen most of you. ...Judy has become a bowling addict. She won a trophy for second place team last Spring and is secretary of the Wives Club League this Fall....My golf game has gone to pot...the Woodbridge Course is real tough, narrow fairways, gorse and heather in the rough, 152 traps for 18 holes, etc....will go to Garmisch just before Christmas and a trip to Austria or Switzerland later...We may get three more bicycles and make it a foursome... Alice, Jon will help you write your thesis on 20th Century Music. He listens to Rock n Roll whenever it is on Tele.. Write when you get a chance. We keep busy, but our lust for mail is as great as ever. The first words Judy utters when I get home are 'Any mail today?'..."

1961 - 30 Dec - from Judy & Allen to Everybody:

"...thank you all for making our Christmas such a happy one. ...the flood of packages that kept coming in kept us so busy wondering that we didn't have time to feel lonesome or sorry for ourselves. Sizes were perfect, toys and books appropriate and checks magnificent. Jon and Glenn were in a state of excitement such as we have never seen - they touched, moved, poked, rattled and prodded everything dozens of times before Christmas morning. The Santa Claus belief persists, happily, but Jon is becoming just a little dubious some times.

"Our Christmas really started on Christmas Eve, when we had the Sitwells and their guests (they invite service men each year - these two were from Fiji newly arrived in England, lonesome, cold and painfully quiet) in to see the tree and exchange small gifts... Jon and Glen had just about as good a time while we were gone, I think. Their sitter said they were the nicest children she had ever met - naturally; they're so well brought up - and they liked her just as much. She took them over to her house (Hoo House, in Hoo!!) where they rode the two ponies her family has just bought, had games with them, cooked bread and all sorts of goodies, and generally made them very happy. The only other bit of news...I quit my job last week...Baby sitting has become difficult...I am once more footloose and fancy free...We thought of all of you often over the holidays... ..and an added note from Allen:

"Jon started to type a letter to all of you, but it didn't work out...From Dec 16-29 the temperature did not get above 40 degrees...Things like ponds, puddles, buckets of water and people were frozen...snowing all day today...We had a wonderful time (ski week)....(but) was so cold that best efforts were not possible...Still no plans for going home, but the time is drawing close. If we don't get an assignment in Germany or Italy we will get home about July or Aug"

1962 - 23 Jul - from Judy/Allen/Boys in England to Everybody:

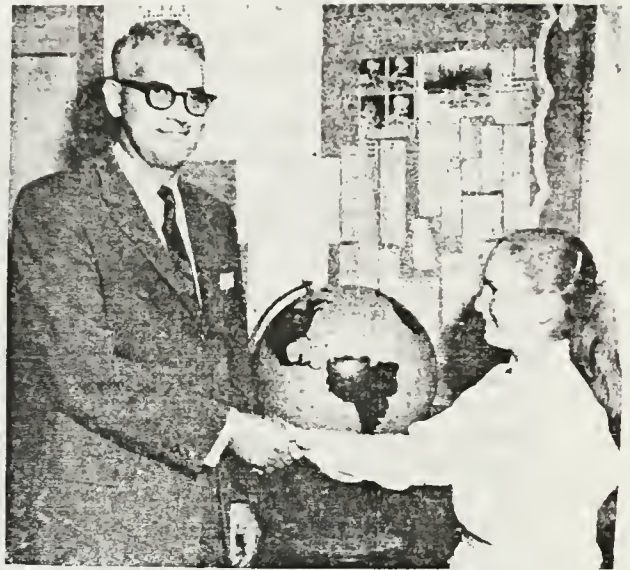
"...at last we have some news to report...We're off to France for a year at Toul Rosieres, an Air Force Base near the village of Toul, 20 miles from Nancy in The Alsace area of France...good location...only a few hours from Paris, Brussels, Switzerland and Southern Germany....job same as here...We're thrilled with the prospect of a year on the continent...Jon and Glenn will be in the base school and I hope at last Jon will consent to getting a hair cut! ...he has become shaggy just like all the English children...Allen will take the Microbus over before the 10th since that is the final date customs has given us

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to get it out of the country. We'll load it up with things we'll need right away, then Allen will come back and finish up here...
 ...our family has increased by the addition of a 3 month old female Dachshund pup named Lisa. She is a real cutie...and easier to train than Gretel ever was. This was part of Glenn's birthday present...The boys are so happy to finally have a pet! ...Our latest - and last - extravagance is another car, a new Morgan...the last of the classic sports cars, manufactured by hand by a tiny company in England whose total production has reached the fabulous figure of 12 cars a week over the last 55 years!...We have ordered the Plus 4, 4 seater, Triumph-3 motor, 1991 cc. 100 h.p., broken white color...only sports car at this price that can comfortably seat 4 people. Of course the 2 in the back seat must be either children or terribly deformed adults...Jon and Glenn both received bicycles for their birthdays and both feel they have achieved a much greater degree of independence. Glenn's is just a small one - his first, and it took him no time at all to learn to ride it...Jon's is a racing model that we felt we may have to modify for him, but he won't have any of that. I guess Glenn will get his real one for the next birthday. It hardly seems possible that they will be 8 and 10 when we come home next year. ...Just finished watching Telstar transmission from the good old USA...had heard we would see parts of a track meet at Stanford, but they didn't get that far...it was fun to know we were seeing things as they happened. There was one shot of a freeway that must have laid the British out!! (Note to Mother & Dad Box handwritten at end by Judy): Thanks for your very generous checks for Allen & Glenn. Allen put his in his private account - it will undoubtedly go for a rifle, or golf clubs or something like that. Glenn's went for the bicycle & partly toward the pup...."

1962 - 21 Sept -from Judy & family to Everyone: "...much to tell about our three week stay in France even though we are still very unsettled...Our faces are even slightly tan from the sun, and once again we begin to have a healthy look instead of our English pallor!...the countryside in France was beautiful...roads better than England's...We are still in the BOQ - two rooms connected by a bathroom - and still looking for a place to live. Housing here is worse than we had expected...even inadequate housing is almost impossible to find...There is a 5-day limit for families in the BOQ, but so far I guess they have forgotten that we're here - we're being very quiet about it anyway! Jon and Glenn are happily settled in the base school, a far cry from Kettleburgh, but they are quickly adjusting to larger classes, homework, tests, assignments, American games, American history and all the other things they have not had. Jon's most urgent needs were to learn how to play Kickball, softball, do cursive writing, and speak French! All this keeps him quite happy, though- he is way ahead of the rest of the class in arithmetic and spelling. Glenn seems to be quite happy too, though he has to get used to the American materials (workbooks, etc). Being younger, he is not quite so far behind in the games and history end of it all! Jon's class is a small 23, though Glenn's is a more normal 32. If we finally move to Nancy...they will have to transfer to an Army school which is closer...I broke out with German measles the day after we arrived here...and Allen spent last weekend in the hospital with a hip that finally refused to go further after all these years of having one leg shorter than the other...we're both back to normal now...however, Jon was treated for a dog bite, and Glenn had a baby tooth pulled...We figured that in 14 days, we had made 7 visits to the hospital!...We can eat in the mess hall and get a pretty good dinner for the four of us for \$1.80, so it hardly pays to knock myself out over a camp stove set up on a desk... ow nice it is, however, to have an American size refrigerator - I really don't care WHERE it is, after using a 4-1/2 cubic foot one for so long....Our two biggest bits of news I have saved for last...Allen has been cleared to go to Philadelphia next week for



Lynette Behm, Sunnybrae school, sixth grade, art teacher, Raymond Winters: "My teacher is a peach because he is very strict, expects me to work hard, and that way all the students

respect him and like him. He is very quiet and never uses a loud voice in the class or anywhere. He also has a quiet sense of humor."

MARK BEHM AND A MODEL OF HIS PLAN FOR A CIVIC CENTER

San Mateo youth has designed a complex with a City Hall, auditorium and offices

By Lynn Smith, Staff Writer, Examiner-Po



Mark in Central Java, at the largest Buddha Temple in the world.
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the National Recreation Conference!...This is a wonderful opportunity...and it is especially nice that Toul will finance the trip since Al has been here such a short time. ...Our very best item of news is now to be told...Instead of four of us coming home next year, there will now be five! The new one will arrive early in March...The boys are both thrilled and excited, and of course we are too. I know you're all hoping it will be a girl - and I suppose we're due for one, but we really don't care (and you all know I would be tickled to death with a third boy)! We realize that my having German measles was ill timed, but the doctor feels that I should have been far enough along so that chances of trouble are small. Also, I had had a massive dose of gamma globulin in England as soon as I knew I had been exposed...Anyway, it's something that worrying about will do nothing for, so there's no point in it..."

(NOTE: They eventually moved into a very large villa on the Moselle River bank, owned by a television critic in Paris. It was spacious, elegant, comfortable, and particularly nice for the boys because it was connected to the farmhouse of a working farm, the family of which became good friends and neighbors)

1963 - 5 Mar - from Judy to Mother and Dad Box:

"Here's Paul's passport picture...exactly 4 weeks old...he is still just as good as can be...sleeps through the 2AM feeding, is eating cereal and fruit and growing well...We are hoping to get to Berlin over Easter if we can find a sitter for Paul. I think Jon and Glenn would get a lot out of it...Jon is working hard in Cubs for his Wolf badge. He got his uniform today and is really excited about the whole thing. And Glenn can hardly wait until he's 8 so he can start..."

1963 - 24 Oct - from Judy/Allen to Everyone (after a long silence):

"Paul...has one little tooth, sits and pulls himself to standing position in the playpen...he and Lisa get along famously, chewing on each other...I finally realized why my French sitter never has understood my instruction to wash out a dirty diaper in the toilet before putting it in the diaper pail - she thought the word 'le' (it) referred to 'him' instead. Each time I came home she would happily explain that she had washed him in the basin - she must have thought I was horrible to want him washed in the toilet. And the dirty diaper was always neatly folded in the pail so none of it's contents could fall out!...Jon and Glenn both have Cubs now...Al and I are bowling in the mixed doubles league and having fun as usual...I'm also beginning volunteer work at the hospital - will get to work in every section and will be interesting... Next weekend we're going to Berchtesgaden to the European Recreation Society conference. This year Al will be installed as President of ERS...We think of all of you often...Judy"

1963 - 30 Oct - Judy to Mother and Dad Box:

"...I'm enjoying my hospital work - so far have visited in the wards (which I am least interested in), helped with sick call (taking & recording temperatures, calling patients), helped in OB clinic (calling & preparing patients for examinations & chaperoning during the exam) and this afternoon I help in the gynecology clinic. Next week I'll help in well-baby clinic & the lab. We're helping in all parts of the hospital during our probationary period (20 hours) & then will be assigned in one place 1/2 day per week. We're 'gray ladies' - how do we differ from 'pink ladies'?! (NOTE: Mother Box was a 'pink lady' for many years)...think seriously of coming over..."

1969 - For months after my husband Ken died in January, despite her own very busy and involved life at the time, Judy wrote to me at least once a week and sometimes more often...or called. Her support, understanding and generosity

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helped immensely during a difficult period, and will never be forgotten.

abt 1970 - Undated letter, Judy to Alice (during the LA Teachers Union strike): "...been thinking of writing since the strike began. We know how busy you must have been all this time - what an awful mess. What scares me is that our CTA Exec Sec has been there observing, and (with the) budgetary upheaval we may be in for the same thing...It looks like I'll have 4 hours next year, which means almost full time...I feel very lazy, only carrying 3 semester units now!..."

1971/72? - Undated letter Judy to Alice (after Alice was ill)
 "...We had such a wonderful trip during Easter vacation....Jon had to stay home and work (Mom came to stay with him) so just the four of us went. The Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion and Death Valley were all different and exciting in their own ways. The two items from the Amargosa Opera House we thought you would be interested in...we enjoyed the ballet performance so much...Even Paul was enthralled! (NOTE:...and so was I when I finally got there in the 80's)

bef 1973 - Undated letter Judy to Alice: "...Our pack-trip was great, though marred somewhat by rain and injuries... I had terrible blisters after the first day's walk (11 miles) and still had 8 to do the next day... the last mule in line shoved all the others and the horse ended up standing on my foot for awhile (in tennis shoes - me, that is - since I couldn't wear my boots because of the blisters!)...The doctor later said the toe was probably broken - walking 20 miles on it was the best cure, I guess! Altogether we walked 50-60 miles...country beautiful - Fishing was too good - we had to start throwing them back...delicious and too numerous to count... "A few days after we got back Mom came to stay with J G & P while Allen, Carrie (their Dalmatian) and I went to Oregon on a 5-day, 5-show dog show circuit! Never thought we'd do that, but it was interesting and fun..."

1976 - Undated letter from Judy to Alice & Glen with full coverage of their trip to the Soviet Union which cannot be included here but is fascinating: "...Paul had such a good time...We had fun going over his itinerary & hearing details. I can't tell you how relieved I felt when we were away and I knew he was with you...Everything worked as planned...I had a message to call the school when we got home. So yesterday I met our new principal - and this year will be Director of Student Activities. It involves three hours a day, so I'll still have 2 math classes. Originally it was to be full time and include both the school newspaper & the yearbook, but that's not my cup of tea. It's a huge job with no extra pay, but lets me see if I really want to get involved in administration.....Jon's alarm just went off - he's working at Hunt's. I'll surprise him with waffles for breakfast...Love, Judy"

1981 - 4 Jan - Judy to Alice & Glen, shortly after Judy and Allen's daughter, Pat, had contacted them for the first time (see Ralph Allen BOX Notes 1980): "...Enclosed are copies of the journal. We gave Pat one of those as well as one of the Sprenger family so she is catching up on family history...We were really sorry to miss Mary Jean's dinner the day after Christmas, but...all worn out...Those kids were so good through all the entertaining - I never heard a whine or an angry word...Pat & I had a couple of days together after Christmas. We went up to Calistoga and had a super time. There's no way I can really express how I feel except that it's fantastic to have a daughter and I couldn't have chosen a better one. It has been an incredible, exciting two months and a wonderful Christmas. I'm, glad you had a chance to meet her...She is also excited about all her new family, but was concerned about possible reaction at first. I think everyone has taken the news well!

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"I guess I have to come down to earth tomorrow - it will be hard because I haven't even thought about school for two weeks...It's much past my bedtime (11:30PM) and the alarm goes off at 5:45 so I can jog before school...."

1984 - 8 May - The One Hundred and First Annual Commencement of the University of Southern California, Page 37, under the heading, Doctor of Education:
 "Judith E Box, A.B., University of California, Berkeley; M.S., University of California, Santa Clara
 Dissertation: THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT CURRICULUM LEADER IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS" Allen, Mary Jean, Glen and I were there to share the joy with DR Judy!

1986 - April - from Judy to Alice & Glen:

"...I'm going to Ellen's wedding with Mom, then will interview teachers for three days in Vancouver....The Unemployed Teachers Action Center has found me a \$33 bed and breakfast, so I'm in business...Love, and thanks! Judy"

1986 - 14 June - postcard from Judy in Wisconsin to Mother Box:

"Dear Mother - The big wedding is today! We have met all of Doug's family and Ellen seems very happy. Marcia looks wonderful, though she does get tired..."

1986 - July - from Judy to Alice & Glen:

"...How about coming for dinner one night when you are up here...Thanks also for the book review - it was certainly not complimentary!...I saw Mother this evening...had a good conversation with her today...Her medication seems to be good - she is calm and her emotions are realistic...I'm going to Tahoe for the weekend with some women at work. Paul enjoyed being with you and was very impressed with Andrew. It will be good to see you...."

1986 - 7 Sept - from Judy to Alice and Glen: "...For the first

teacher workday the administrators cooked a complete breakfast for all the teachers and those classified employees who could come...about 500 there...fun for those of us at the stoves, ovens, sinks, etc...used a jr high kitchen...started at 5:15AM... "Mother has certainly improved during her few days in the hospital...much stronger, speech back to normal..is aware of what is going on...she is eating better, though still not enough to gain much strength. "I loved the clipping you sent about the math conference and problem solving sessions...I have been looking around for a house...have a 'reservation' on a house...can change my mind before final approval...Glenn looked over the construction...I'll look forward to seeing you when you come up this month.."

1986 - 28 Sep - Letter from Judy to Alice & Glen:

"Jon, Katie and I have spent the weekend at the Tahoe condo...There is snow on the mountains, blue sky & water & white puffy clouds - the magnificent Tahoe. "Glen, this is a special thank you for the wonderful vegetables you sent me...They were sweet and wonderful - I loved the cucumber!...I had a nice talk with Mary Jean the other night. She has certainly had a year of great trips.."

1987 - 14 Mar - Judy to Alice & Glen: "Thanks for your wonderful letter...glad to hear you are feeling better, Alice...Mother was feeling listless but content...earlier this week. She mentioned how good people were to come to see her, that the food was pretty good, and that the care was good...it was nice to have her seem happier...She has little energy..."

"The school district has come to the point where lay-offs are necessary...We eliminated 25 jobs and gave 17 lay-off notices, many to the young people I hired last year and to the nurses with whom I have worked so closely...It was a very difficult week and very emotional for many of us...Next week will offer

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some comic relief...am going with 5th-6th grade classes to an Environmental Living Program on an old sailing ship, the Thayer, in SF Bay. The kids spend 24 hours reliving the times of the cod fishermen of the 30's, doing all the jobs they did, and being driven by a captain who is really very loving but comes across as a tough old salt! ...My crew is the fishing crew. We actually lower a dory, get in and row around the bay where the ship is anchored across from Ghiradelli Square. The kids are pretty little to handle those big oars...The principal and I took them today to Lake Elizabeth ...put in the row boat and practiced...wind was blowing a gale, and then the rain came down in sheets...kids had a difficult time maneuvering the boat. I had a lot of practice rowing back to the dock in the teeth of the wind because they were not strong enough to make any headway...We came back to my house for the picnic I had hoped to have in the park...I'm glad you and Allen are going to take a few days and do the trip you described (to Tulare Co)...I hope I get a chance to at least say hello when you are up here...."

1987 - 12 Jul - Judy to Alice & Glen: "...Thank you so much for being taxi service, motel, and loving family to me last weekend. I very much enjoyed my stay...and thanks especially for the zinc! I can feel a difference in my knees and an improvement in my hips! It's great! The plums were appreciated, too....After spending the evening Wednesday with Jinny & others going to the Himalayas, I've made the decision to do the Nepal-Everest part of the trip.."

1987 - 1 Aug - Judy to Alice & Glen: "...the trip that Jinny and Chuck have planned. I decided that going on the Ladakh part and then coming home would be like going to an elegant dinner and leaving after the salad. Since there is no way I can have both salad and entree because of the time involved, I have chosen to have only the entree!...will meet the group in Kathmandu and be with them for the trek from there to Everest National Park, about an 18-day trek... "I am really looking forward to the experience. I've bought and tested new boots, walked to the top of Mt Tallac when at Tahoe (9300' and 10 miles), jogged 2 miles 4 or 5 mornings out of 7...We will walk from Jiri to Namche Bazaar...I'm guessing about 50-60 miles. Much of it is up, then down,...not over 12,500' - high, but that should be OK...I have to thank you again for the tip about zinc. It continually amazes me that my arthritis is about gone...The family are all fine. Halley is really a cutie, such a happy baby...."

1987 - 30 Aug - from Judy to Alice & Glen in England: "This is a difficult letter to write because I know you won't see it for a while...Mother had a small stroke during the night on Saturday, Aug 22...She is still in hospital... Since Wednesday I have been in every day...she is comfortable, and when she has indicated any pain the nurses have responded with medication...She has asked for you and Evelyn but seems to understand that you are both away...Mary Jean is also away...Pat came up yesterday. My mother is coming in today, and Lynette and Mougo were here before the stroke occurred....Alice, I'm sorry to have news like this for you. It would probably be a good idea to call Allen or me when you read this...you should have this about 14 Sep. There appeared to be no way we could reach you in Russia. It's probably just as well, since it would not have helped for you to come home...My best wishes to Anne...

1987 - 5 Oct - Judy to Alice & Glen: "Just a quick note before I leave on Thu. ...Your trip sounds wonderful, but I know that 4 weeks is about all I can stand to live out of a suitcase!...I'm writing to let you know that Mr Fu, translator for my trip to China, now studying at USC. (address & phone)...I know you would enjoy meeting him and he would certainly also enjoy meeting you. I have given him your name....My duffle bag has been packed and unpacked many times...it

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only weighs 38 pounds, but is certainly not as compact as many a backpack I have carried at that weight...I will probably not write but will be thinking about you as I sit on the top of some mountain...."

1987 - Dec - Judy to Alice and Glen:

"Thanks for the pictures. I loved having you here, and it was great that Mary Jean stayed all night....Jinny is having some of those who were on the trip for dinner and to share slides and pictures (NOTE: the Nepal trek through the Himalayas) ...We're each taking our 50 best... See you at Christmas.."

1988 - 17 Jan - Judy to Alice & Glen: "Thanks for my 'Birthday Times'!...I'll look forward to seeing you next week. I happened to meet Evelyn and Mark one day when I went in to see Mother, then saw Mary Jean last week. Evelyn & Mark came back to my house for a while for a nice visit....My big news is that I bought a new Honda Accord LXI (with sun roof, leather upholstery and all the extras!) Now that I've bought a house and a car on my own, I can do about anything!..."

1988 - 18 Jun - Judy to Alice & Glen: "I'm at Twain Harte this weekend 'sitting' with my Dad while Doris goes to a high school reunion in San Leandro. This is a first, and I'm enjoying being with him. His mind is usually alert, he remembers fairly well, but needs a great deal of help and care. I'm really glad to have this opportunity. At 85, he has many physical problems, but is certainly not crochety or impatient. He accepts his near blindness well, though misses being able to read and write. We're going for a ride up to Pinecrest this afternoon...It was good to hear that Hongchu is well settled at UCLA - thanks for his new address. I'll get a letter off to him soon...plans are still incomplete (for Paul's wedding) and the big day is next week, but I guess things will fall in place. Paul will be working in Sacramento; he's going to be out of sales and into operations (The warehouse management end of things)... ...Looking forward to seeing you at Tahoe! Have a good trip! Love, Judy'

1988 - 12 Sep - Judy to Alice & Glen: "...The school year has gotten off to a funny start, since four of our 12 schools are now year-round and have been in session since July. Staffing is still not completed....The quality of applicants has definitely been lower in general...I went up to see (Paul & Lisa) yesterday...They seem to be happy. Lisa is feeling well, and she hasn't gained much weight....And Marcia and Lee would love to see you...She is doing so well,...is on crutches most of the time. The longer you are with her the less you are aware of her illness. The three of us had a wonderful time together...chemotherapy discontinued...starting a hormone therapy. Lee has been wonderful, supportive but letting her do what is important for her to be able to do. He is really a neat person....Jon and Katie are having puppies RIGHT THIS MINUTE! I just called to see how Tess was doing, and the first one is just on its way....Halley is cutting her molars and was (uncomfortable) this weekend....Otherwise I guess they are fine. Glenn is finishing up Jinny and Chuck's house remodeling (\$150,000 worth) this week. It has been a tremendous job, and looks wonderful....Pat has lost 45 pounds and is a confirmed, lifelong member of Weight Watchers!...she feels wonderful...The Salinas rodeo is this weekend, and they are all riding, so maybe I'll go and watch...."

1988 - 17 Oct - Judy to Alice & Glen: "I'm not sure when you are arriving home, but this will be there anyway. You are enthusiastically invited to Thanksgiving dinner when you come up. Allen will be away, Evelyn and Don will be also, so I'd love to have you here with us. It will be some or all of my kids, maybe Mom & Jinny depending on plans.

"I don't know whether or not you were able to see Marcia & Lee. She's having a

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1988 - Dec - Judy's Christmas card note to Alice & Glen: "...A time of sadness - my Dad died on Friday, 12/1. As you know he had been in the long term care facility at the hospital and was retreating more and more into himself. I'm glad I went to see him just before Thanksgiving....Marcia had another chemo treatment and seems to be doing OK. (Have) a happy Christmas trip.I may go to Tahoe to be with Jinny & family or I may have all the family here!..."

1) Judith E Box, Principal
Sylvandale Junior High School/Franklin McKinley School District
2) Dr Judith Box, Director of Special Services " "
3) Judy Box, Director of Personnel " "

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1949 - Patricia Farrelle "Pat" BOX b 23 Jan 1949, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
Parents: Ralph Allen "Al" BOX & Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT
m Edward John "Ed" REGO 3 Jun 1967, Reno, Washoe Co, CA

1980 - Per Allen and Judy by phone on 11 Dec 1980 11:30PM: They had a baby girl in 1949 before they were married. Adopted by Farrelle family, raised as Patricia Farrelle. Her father died in 1980, her mother senile at the time and in a rest home. Pat began search for her birth parents, and through Alberta Piepenburg, one of Judy's bridesmaids, found them. Pat married Ed Rego, a foreman for Southern Pacific RR in Watsonville. They live in Aromas, CA and have 2 children, Tracey Paul, born 19 April 1972, and Jodi Lynn, born 7 Jan 1974. Pat was a teacher's aide and taking piano lessons in 1980. She later took computer courses and sometime in the mid-80's secured a very good job working with computers.

1981 - 5 Jan - Letter from Pat to Glen & Alice: "Just a note to thank you for your kindness and understanding you showed my family at Christmas time. Everyone has been just super to us. I am very lucky to have found such a warm and welcoming family. I'm looking forward to getting to know you. I do hope you will come to visit us. You made a great hit with the kids.
"I know this letter is a little late in coming, but during Christmas vacation I spent as much time as possible with Mom & Dad. They are such fantastic people. The more time I spend with them the more I come to love them.
I'm sending you the recipe for the candy I made. I hope you enjoy it. It is very easy to make and does taste so good. Love to both, Pat"

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Thanksgiving 1981 - 4 generations of the Box family: 1 to r - Allen, Jodi, Judy, Trace, Ed, Mother-Grandmother-Gt-Grandmother Addie Box and Pat

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 1953 - Jon Andrew BOX b 15 Jun 1953, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA

Parents: Ralph Allen "Al" BOX & Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT

PLEASE see Ralph Allen BOX and Judith Elaine HURT Notes for more information

1953 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has birth announcement with sketch of a stork carrying a beribboned BOX in midair, and inside the box, with "A Little Box" written on it, and the tag: "For Allen and Judy Box - Contents:Jon Andrew Box, Shipping Weight: 7 lbs 6 oz., C.O.D. 15 June 1953."

1960-61 - 20 Feb letter from Jon to Grandma and Grandpa Box:

"Thank you for the Valentines card you sent us and the dollar. ...I am sorry we did not send you a Valentine card. ...I am going horse-back-riding today. We have not been for weeks because of the weather...Our new furniture has come. ...I have got quite a lot of stamps and I have traced a map of the world. ...We had a nice Christmas. Love, from Jon, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England"

1961- 11 Dec from Jon: "Dear Alice and Kenny, I have got three gold stars in my Number Work, which is a hard trick, and 11 stars altogether, both Silver and Gold. It's hard, you know, and this is what they are like; (series of numbers he added correctly) "The weather was below freezing a few days ago, there was thick ice on the goldfish pond. "We put some Cocanuts out for the birds, and my half was finished first (just as usual.) Have a Merry Christmas, Jon Box"

1961 - 22 Nov 2-page letter from Jon and Judy to Mother and Dad Box:

"...Could you get me a book of Birds of the World because I am very interested in birds. I will bring an Interest Book home of British Birds. There are about 100 of them. I know America has the Golden Eagle, but it is very Rare in England. Love from Jon" This is written in exceptionally clear and legible printing with good 8-yr-old spelling and punctuation.

....and from Judy's letter, a few excerpts:

"Dear Mother - Thanks so much for your nice letter and check. We'll get Jon his bird book with the money you sent....Several packages are on the way - they'll arrive as they did last year, to all the wrong houses!....We're looking forward to our ski school from 9-16 December in Garmisch....Hope both birthday gifts arrived (1 for each!) & that you had a nice day, Mother. Our love, Judy"

1962 - 19 Jun Letter from Judy and Jon to Mother and Dad Box: "Thanks so much for your recent letter and the check for Jon's birthday. We put it towards his new bike, and he is really thrilled with it. We had told him that we wouldn't get him one while in England, so he was especially surprised and pleased. It's a very fine English lightweight one, and we intend that it should last! It has full size wheels but only a 19 inch frame so it fits him well now and yet can be considered a big bicycle. We'll have to get Glenn a small bike for his birthday too - the poor kid hasn't even had a chance to learn how to ride one yet but I'm sure he'll learn in no time once he has a small one to practice on. "Thanks also for sending an invitation to your 40th celebration. We can't tell you how sorry we are to miss it, but we'll be around for the 50th, I promise!Jon's turn to be sick has come, and I'm now in the 4th week of having one or both home with fevers and coughs. At times like these (and there have been too many of them this winter) I'm certainly glad we don't have 4 kids! I'm going to Ascot on Thursday and of course am looking forward to it eagerly. I suppose I should buy a new hat, but that's going too far...I'm just sorry Allen can't get the day off, but as usual, this is his busiest time of year. "We're hoping to get two weeks on the continent in the middle of July...I'll leave some room for Jon...Much love, Judy".. "Dear Grandma and Grandpa, Thank

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you for the money that mommy spent on the bike. We are having a bird contest on the 25th and if we win we will go to see some Avocets. Love from Jon"

1978 - Jon worked as Program Director of Richmond YMCA and handled all budget and arrangements for the SUMMER DAYS AT THE WEST CONTRA COSTA YMCA 1978 program held at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland on Sun 30 Apr. Mother, Glen and I went and were very impressed with opportunities to sign up for all kinds of summer outings: Day Camp, Canoe Expedition, Family Camp, trips to Point Reyes, Lake Ediza, High Sierra Backpacking and the Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

1980 - Jon Box and Katie Brown began a relationship which continues to this day. She has become a dear member of the family, and has contributed so much to making our family gatherings memorable. She was always very thoughtful of Jon's Grandma Box, and helped Jon with painting, cleaning and various jobs that made Mother's life easier. She also came down here one year when Jon painted the exterior of our house, and was of considerable help, not to mention being delightful company. Jon and Katie always stop on their way to or from their almost annual trek to Baja California and spend a night or two with us, always a pleasure for us. Katie is from Detroit, Michigan, but is a strong California convert. She has a B.A. from the University of Michigan, and an MBA from UC Berkeley; works for the Federal Reserve in San Francisco. She was born 15 Dec 1954 in Mt Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI.

1982 - Jon awarded a Masters in Public Administration from San Francisco State.

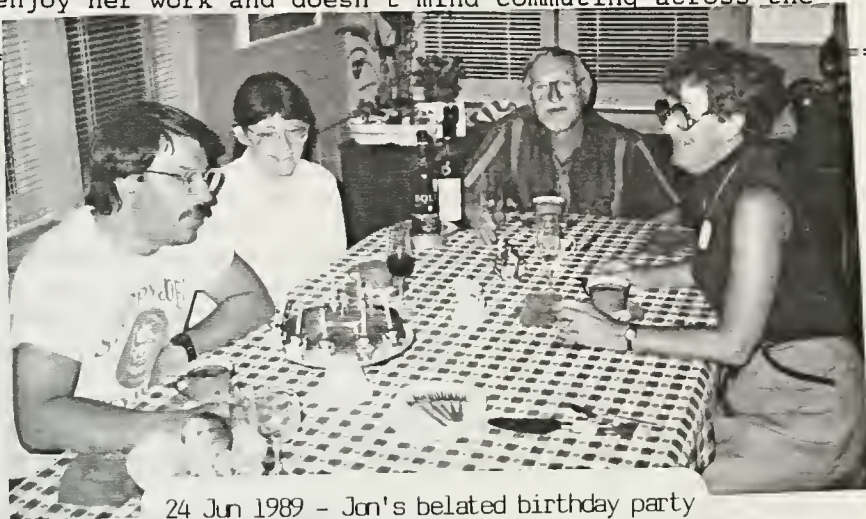
1982 - 16 Jun letter from Jon to Glen (after Glen fell from the roof and broke his back): "... Katie and I were so sorry to hear of your recent accident but were heartened to hear you're making a normal recovery given the circumstances. It could have been worse from what we hear, so I guess that's something good. "You may have heard about my skiing accident over the winter, so I'm no stranger to how you feel. I took a fall that didn't seem so bad - no spectacular crowd-pleaser, but came away with popped knee ligaments and possible cartilage damage. I couldn't move my left leg and the slightest provocation was very painful for two weeks. I had never been hurt seriously and it was quite a shock to finally realize how tentative and tenuous one's physical well being is and what it really means. Anyway, I couldn't do anything for about two weeks and spent most of my time watching TV and reading. I got out of the house once during that period - to go to get my X-rays. It seemed like I wasn't making any progress, but it sort of creeps up on you. My big day was when I actually went out and drove my car, crutches and all, and went to the store to buy some asparagus for dinner. It was the first time I had done anything in a long time and this simple thing was a real breakthrough. Since then (it's been 3 months) I've made a slow but steady recovery. My knee is still sore and stiff occasionally, but I don't think I'll have to have surgery. The moral of the story is to wait it out and things will get better. I recommend a good long book - I read NOBLE HOUSE by Clavell, a pretty good book especially if you like Hong Kong. If you read this, you may want to read TAI-PAN first, also by Clavell, which sets the stage historically for NOBLE HOUSE, but is still an excellent book in itself. SHOGUN might be a good one, or THE WINDS OF WAR and WAR AND REMEMBRANCE by Wouk, if you haven't already read them. ...Katie and I have been doing fairly well. Katie has been looking for a job fairly steadily, but the recession has really been a wet blanket for this. I graduated with my Master of Public Administration and am now embarking on a job search of my own. In the meantime I'm working quite a bit doing painting, remodeling, carpentry, etc. to keep the bread on the table and the roof over the head. ...Anyway, get better, keep your chin up, and watch out for them ladders! Take care. Hope

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to see you sometime over the summer. That goes for you too, Alice!! Love, Jon.

1980's - Jon got his Contractor's License and has had a successful career in Building and Construction. This kind of work allows more freedom to go skiing, backpacking, and on fishing trips to Baja. He and Katie bought a home in North Oakland, and have done a wonderful job remodelling and landscaping it. Katie completed her MBA degree and went to work for the Federal Reserve in San Francisco; she seems to enjoy her work and doesn't mind commuting across the Bay every day.



24 Jun 1989 - Jon's belated birthday party
at Alice & Glen's on Sunday Trail: 1 to r
Jon, Katie, Glen, Alice



Dana and Allen - 1990

28 May 1988 - Two families merged:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Dana</u> | <u>Allen</u> |
| Dawn Marie, Darrin | Jon, Pat, Glenn |
| Dave, Dane | Paul |



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1955 - Glenn Kenneth BOX b 13 Jul 1955, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 Parents: Ralph Allen "Al" BOX & Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT
 m 1) Christine Mary "Chris" HUDDY 10 Jun 1978, Fremont, Alameda Co, CA (div)
 m 2) Patricia Arlene "Patty" (WEAVER) ROBBERSON 15 Nov 1986 " " "

PLEASE see Ralph Allen BOX and Judith Elaine HURT Notes for more information

1955 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has the announcement of Glenn's birth on page 1: sketch on front of a chick breaking out of its shell, papa rooster crowing and mama chicken doting on the baby chick - "Something to Crow About - Glenn Kenneth arrived on July 13 1955, weight 7 lbs 1 oz., parents Judy & Allen Box."

1961 - 12 Dec letter to Alice from Glenn in England, written carefully in neat, legible printing with a huge hand-drawn Christmas tree on the bottom half of the page: Dear Mrs Ramsay I hope you will have a lovely Christmas. from Glenn"

1963 - 6 Jan letter from Glenn to Grandma and Grandpa Box. He typed it on Judy's typewriter and did very well: "I had a very good holiday. I hope you had a very good holiday too. I got a little Fox and some marbles and alot of other things. My Sunday-school Teachers name is Bill. I like my Teacher. Love Glenn"

1978 - 10 Jun Wedding Invitation: "Christine Mary Huddy and Glenn Kenneth Box would like you to come celebrate their wedding on Saturday, the tenth of June at half past two, Niles Adobe, Fremont, California - reception following."

1980 - Graduation Invitation: "The Ohlone College Nursing Class of 1980 requests the honor of your presence at their Pinning Ceremony on Sat, June 21...St. Joseph's Church Fremont, Reception to follow"...
 Christine Huddy-Box was listed as a graduate.

1981 - Chris and Glenn divorced.

1985-6 - Glenn graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Architecture.

1986 - 15 Nov Wedding Announcement: "Patty Weaver and Glenn Box were united in marriage on November 15, 1986 at Fremont, California" The wedding was held at Judy and Allen's home in Fremont with just the immediate family present.

1986 - 2 Dec note to Alice from Patty: "Dear Alice & Glen: Thank you for your thoughtful gifts. The hand-made sweater and booties are beautiful and Keith will spend many snuggie nights in his 'very red' sleep suit. The silver alphabet block bank is just great. When Aaron saw it he was ready to help his little brother keep track of the total that has already been saved. A college fund has to start somewhere. Years from now you will have to remind Keith where his college fund started. Also, thank you for helping Grandma Box with her gift. That was so special and appreciated. Love, Patty & Keith" This is the now famous note written before the baby was born. Patty had been told it was a boy and they planned to name it Keith Glenn. Well, Keith Glenn was not born until 1989: the baby born in 1987 was Halley Caitlin - a GIRL!!

1987 - 2 Jan - Halley Caitlin BOX born 2:35 AM, 10 lbs 1.5 oz, 23-1/2"

1989 - 25 Jan - Keith Glenn BOX (finally!) born 1:40AM, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co, 10 lbs 12 oz, 23" long.



Halley - 2-1/2



Keith - 6 mos

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1963 - Paul Allen BOX b 30 Jan 1963, Rosieres-en-Haye, Meurthe-et-Mosel, France
 Parents: Ralph Allen "Al" BOX & Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT
 m Lisa Deanne RIGBY 26 Jun 1988, Saratoga, Santa Clara Co, CA

1963 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook birth announcement: Must have something like "It's a boy" on the front (glued down with Aunt Anita's usual impenetrable glue) because the inside begins with: "'Cause with a name like Paul Allen I'd feel silly being a girl! I was born on 30 January 63, which is also my birthday. My parents, Allen and Judy Box, tell me I weighed 6 lbs 1 oz, 20" long"

1980 - 4 Oct - Paul participated in The Fremont-Newark Philharmonic Guild Fashion Extravaganza at the Rendezvous Fremont, a benefit luncheon in the afternoon and dinner-dance in the evening. Mother and I went to the luncheon and were impressed with Paul's modeling.

1981 - Graduation announcement: "The Graduating Class of Mission San Jose High School announces the Commencement Exercises Wednesday evening, June (10) 1981" engraved card: "Paul Allen Box" attached. Paul's name has an asterisk in front: means he compiled a B (3.00) average or better during his high school career.

1981 to abt 1987 - Paul worked for Macy's Department Store. (Stock and Sales)

1988 - 26 Jun - Paul and Lisa Deanne RIGBY married at Paul Masson Mountain Winery in Saratoga, Santa Clara Co, CA.

1988-89 - Paul worked for Circuit City in Sacramento, CA.

1989 - 4 Jan - Amber Nicole BOX born at 4:44 PM at American River Hospital, Sacramento, Sacramento Co, CA; 7 lbs 3 oz - 20" long, Amber hair.

1991 - Paul works at the Office Club in San Mateo.

1991 - 30 Apr - Jessica Paige BOX born at Washington Township Hospital, Fremont, Alameda Co, CA; 7 lbs 3 oz, 20-1/2" long...THE MOST RECENT REUBEN FRANKLIN BOX DESCENDANT BORN AND THE LAST ONE PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS FAMILY HISTORY!!!



Jessica Paige Box, born 30 Apr 1991



8 May 1984 - Dr Judith Hurt Box the day she received her Ph.D. from USC...



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1895 - Mildred Lenore "Millie" BOX b 12 Feb 1895, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX & Elma Jane HOWELL
 d 30 May 1914, Knob, Shasta Co, CA
 bur 1 Jun 1914, Platina, Shasta Co, CA

1909 - 15 Aug postcard from Millie in Blue Lake, CA to Lester Guthrie in Hot Springs, CA. "Dear Lester: - Haven't heard from any of you for some time. We all live in Arcata now. So, after this, address us Arcata, Humboldt Co. I am up here in Blue Lake on a visit. Love to all. Mildred"

1910 - 10 Jun postcard from Millie, San Francisco to Reuben: "Dear R. We arrived here 9:30 this morning. The city is fine. Will write soon. Millie"

1910 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a picture of "Mille and Jack, S.F. 1910" posed in front of a backdrop of the Cliff House and the Pacific Ocean. Millie is very stylishly dressed in a Gibson Girl type frock with a large hat decorated with flowers. "Jack" - whoever he is - is in a suit, bowtie and fedora hat.

1910 - 22 Jun postcard from Millie, San Francisco, to Reuben, as she wrote: "Minersville, Trinity Co, California, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - Ora and I both have colds & I have a boil on my face."

1910 - 17 Jul postcard from Millie in San Francisco to Reuben in Minersville: "Today is Sunday. Ora & I are going to spend the afternoon in Golden Gate Park. Nick is out... We are all well. With love, Millie." (Beautiful handwriting!)

1910 - 30 Jul postcard from Millie in San Francisco to Reuben and Andy in Minersville: "Dear Brothers, We rec'd a nice letter from home. All were well. Papa had a pay day. Had \$20.50 after all bills were paid. Pretty good, isn't it? Andy, I am glad you are with Reuben. It is so much nicer to be together. We are pegging away at the store. I don't clerk much as business is slack now. We all were down to the Portola Theatre Sun. You both must write. Lovingly, Millie"

1910 - 9 Aug postcard to Reuben: "Dr Reuben, Ora & I were over to Berkeley Sun to see Susie & Kate McCabe. Had a fine time...We are quite lonely..."

1910 - 27 Aug postcard from P M Tracy in Arcata to Millie, San Francisco: "Friend Millie. I have often wondered where you were and how you all were getting along. I saw Nick last night & he gave me your address. Regards to your folks, especially Ora and don't forget to write to an old friend. P M Tracy"

1911 - 13 April postcard from Reuben to Millie with picture of Reuben with all his surveying equipment. No message, just the picture.

1911 - 28 Nov postcard from "Charlie" in French Gulch to Millie in Redding asking her about a dance he hoped she would attend.

1912 - 27 May postcard from "Perdy" in Weaverville to Millie at Tower House, Shasta Co about a dance he wanted her to know about. She evidently had plenty of boyfriends around this time.

1912 - 24 Jul postcard from Millie at the Tower House in French Gulch to Reuben in Minersville: "Dear R. I have been in Redding for a couple of days. Stopped at home. They are all well & getting along fine. I am still here & will be until Sept, then I am going to see Ora. Write soon. I get lonesome here at times. Your sister, Millie."

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1912 - Portrait Index in California Historical Society Library, San Francisco: "Millie BOX - group photo, Shasta Co, 1912, taken at Tower House." Caption lists all names. She is #3: "Millie BOX, waitress, sister of Andy BOX of Oakland Police." It is a very sharp print. (Saw 24 June 1987)

1913 - 1 Feb postcard from Millie, San Francisco to Reuben, Hayfork, Trinity Co: "Dr Reuben, I am sending Valentines this evening. Today is Lee's birthday. I have got him a postcard album. Am spending the afternoon with Ora. Don't kill too many bugs. They will have you arrested for murder. With love, Millie"

1913 - 15 Mar postcard from Millie, SF to Reuben in Hayfork:
"...I am expecting a letter from you soon. We are all well. Ora will go to Shasta in a few weeks... then up at Aunt Add's. With love, Millie."

1913 - 4 Nov postcard from Millie in San Francisco to Reuben in Knob: "Just a line to let you know the kind of a skirt I bought me. I am right in style. I will go to work tomorrow. Haven't rec'd any letters yet. Write soon."

1914 - 22 May - See Sam Box Notes for a poignant letter describing in detail Millie's illness and how he was trying to deal with it.

1914 - 29 May postcard from Reuben in Knob to Anita Anderlini:
"Just a card tonight. Millie is very, very sick. I am sitting up with her. Have had the Dr. several times. All the rest of us are fine. Reuben."

1914 -Per Aunt Anita's first scrapbook, clipping dated June 6 1914, Trinity Journal, Aunt Anita wrote in pencil: "May 30, 1914," the date of Millie's death (Same clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook):
"MISS MILLIE BOX DIES OF INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM -
"Miss Millie Box, a former resident of this county, died in Harrison Gulch last Saturday from inflammatory rheumatism which affected her heart.
"The deceased was born in the town of Shasta (Wrong! White River, Tulare Co,CA) about twenty-one years ago and had spent the greater part of her life in this and Shasta county. She was a young lady of many personal attractions and had many friends here who will learn with regret of her untimely death. Besides a father and mother, she leaves two sisters, Mrs N C Matzen of Porterville and Mrs M Daniel of Klamath Falls, and also two brothers in this county, Reuben Box who is in the forest service and A H Box who is employed at the La Grange. We are informed that her funeral took place at Harrison Gulch last Tuesday." A second newspaper obituary is on the same page, but obviously written and condensed from information in the above Trinity Journal article.

1914 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has two obituaries for Millie, one obviously from a Porterville paper, and two copies of identical obituaries - one from the SHASTA COURIER, and one from the SEARCHLIGHT: 1) "MILDRED BOX DIES AT SHASTA SPRINGS - Former Porterville Girl Succumbs to Inflammatory Rheumatism-Is a Cousin of Mrs Uhl - "Word has been received here of the death of Miss Mildred Box, aged 18, daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Box, which occurred at Shasta Springs Saturday evening. Death was due to inflammatory rheumatism.
"Mrs N C Matzen, of Hot Springs, a sister of Miss Box, left Saturday evening to be at the bedside of her sister, but arrived too late to see her alive.
"Miss Box formerly lived here. She was a cousin of Miss Margaret Box, who now lives in Los Angeles, and of Mrs E A Uhl of this city."
2) "MISS MILLIE BOX PASSES IN KNOB -
"SUCCUMBS TO RHEUMATISM WHILE VISITING BROTHER, REUBEN BOX -Miss Millie Box

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died last Saturday evening in Knob, according to information reaching Redding Monday evening. She passed through Redding a month ago as she was on her way from San Francisco to visit her brother, Reuben Box, and father in Knob, or Harrison Gulch. She was then in fine spirits. Soon after arriving in Knob she was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism, which in time reached her heart and caused the end... She lived some time in Redding, where she was employed as a waitress in various hotels. Less than a year ago she went to San Francisco.

"Besides her father and mother, Miss Box leaves two sisters and one brother: Mrs N C Matzen, Porterville; Mrs M Daniel, Klamath Falls, and Reuben Box, who is connected with the forest service in the Harrison Gulch region.

(NOTE: They left out Andrew, her brother, and Elma, younger sister.)

"Mrs Matzen passed through Redding Monday on her way to Harrison Gulch. Mrs Daniel arrived from Klamath Falls at 10 o'clock Monday night and left in an automobile for the Gulch. It is presumed that the funeral was held in Harrison Gulch Tuesday afternoon."



Millie (center) with 2 friends - abt 1913



This is the very latest style in skirts.

Picture postcard from Millie to Reuben 4 Nov 1913 with message: "Just a line to let you know the kind of a skirt I bought me. I am right in style. I will go to work tomorrow....Write soon..."

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1905 - Elma Pauline BOX b 22 Apr 1905, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 Parents: Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX & Elma Jane HOWELL
 m 1) William Nicholas MORGAN 1921 (d 1952)
 m 2) ? BLACK abt 1954 (d 1956?)
 m 3) George James "Jim" CLEMENS 1959 (d 1983)
 d 24 Jul 1986 Stockton, San Joaquin Co, CA
 bur 31 Jul 1986 Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA

1905 - Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "BORN - BOX - In Arcata, Cal., April 22, 1905, to Mr and Mrs S P Box, a daughter."
 Per a letter from her son, Bill Morgan, dated 30 Dec 1975: "My mother, Elma Pauline (Box) Morgan was born in the *Booth home, at the foot of 'G' Street, Arcata on April 22, 1905. She was the youngest child of Sam & Jane Box. I'm told that my grandfather brought my grandmother to Arcata in her seventh month of pregnancy to be near a doctor, as there were none in Trinity County at that time. They returned to Hyampom, Trinity County, in May by wagon."

abt 1912 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has picture of Elma, Aunt Anita wrote on back: "Elma with Mr Watson's hounds. Taken at Harrison Gulch."

1914 - 22 May letter from Sam Box to Ora, Nick and Ben refers to a letter he received from Elma, living with Andy and Irene Box at the time. He said Irene bragged often about how smart Elma was in school. This was about the time Grandmother Elma was committed to Mendocino State Hospital in Talmage, so this explains why Elma Pauline had to live with her brothers & sisters.

Pre 1916 - Beryl at family reunion July 1990: "Elma lived with Reuben and Anita before Beryl was born in 1916, probably about the same time Sam Box lived with them. There were some problems that were too difficult for Reuben and Anita, so they sent Elma to live with Ora and Nick. Aunt Elma ran away later and in 1921 married Bill Morgan, who was 11 years her senior."

Abt 1918 - Aunt Anita's first scrapbook: Very last page has a list of Aunt Elma's grades: (x=Highest mark given in class - signed by OED)
 "Arith 99-1/2; Gram 91; Geog 94; Hist 96x; Penn 92x; Comp 93; Read 90x; Book R 92; Spell 100; Defin 94x; Liter 95x; Phys 94-1/2" She was 13 at the time, so this was undoubtedly 8th grade. A very bright girl!

1918 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a picture of a quite mature looking Elma which Aunt Ora captioned: "Elma Box, Petaluma, 1918"

1919 - undated postcard from Elma to Reuben in Coffee, Trinity Co: "Here in San Francisco on way to Bessie at Dos Palos. We are on our way, but don't know where we are going. Sold the ranch. Moving to Arcata in 1 month. We're at Dows Prairie. Am enjoying myself. Elma." She was only 14 at the time and doesn't say with whom she is travelling.

1921 -Undated clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:
 "MARRIAGE LICENSES - The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office: William Nicholas Morgan, age 27 and Elma Pauline Box, age 19, both of Arcata;" (NOTE: She was 16 in 1921)

1921 - Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook - she wrote in date "1921(?)":
 "William Nicholas Morgan and Miss Elma Pauline Box, both of Arcata, were quietly married in Eureka Monday evening by Justice A B Adams, and have gone on a short wedding trip. The groom is a cigar maker in the employ of Carl Swap,

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and a son of Mrs William Morgan. His bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Box of Arcata. Mr and Mrs Morgan will make their home in Arcata."

1922 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook clipping describes a Valentine's Day party in Trinity Center and lists Mr and Mrs R P Box and Miss Elma Box as guests. "One of the jolliest features of the evening was a contest in making the representation of an animal out of chewing gum, using nothing but a toothpick to shape the animal on a card. Several showed considerable skill in spreading the gum. The judges, Dr W A Rowell and O Prestagard, after considerable deliberation, awarded the prize to Miss Elma Box." (NOTE: Aunt Elma must have been pregnant with Jane at this time because Jane was born 18 July 1922.)

1922 - 18 Jul - Daughter Jane Dolores MORGAN born in Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA. In his 1975 letter, Bill wrote: "My sister, Jane Dolores (Morgan) Blankenship was born July 18, 1922 at Arcata, CA. She was the first child of William and Elma (Box) Morgan. After my mother and father separated, Jane lived with my Aunt Lucretia and Uncle Ben Sorensen and my Uncle Vernor in Arcata..." Jane married Carl Blankenship (b Orick, Humboldt Co, CA) in 1952, taught for many years, has 3 daughters - Pippa, Karla and Marcie, all married per Bill in 1989 - retired from teaching in the early 1980's and returned to Arcata to live in the house where she was raised.

1924 - 15 Sep - Son William Nicholas MORGAN, Jr born Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA. PLEASE see his Notes for more information

1956 - Aunt Anita's 1956 scrapbook has a sympathy acknowledgement card signed in Aunt Elma's handwriting, "Elma Pauline Black" and Aunt Anita dated it Dec. 23 1956 with the note: "Burial - San Bruno." When Aunt Bessie died in 1954 Aunt Elma was listed as a surviving sister, "Mrs Elma Black" so presume she was married to Black sometime before 1954. The above indicates he probably died in 1956. No documentation available.

One of Aunt Elma's boasts, according to Beryl Box Orner, was that "she was married four times and never divorced." Because she was widowed at least twice that we know of, this statement could be true, and perhaps not as provocative as it sounds.

1975 - letter from Aunt Elma:

"July 7, 1975 - Dear Alice: So glad and surprised to hear from you and sorry to be so long in answering but everything has been happening. Jim broke his finger, he has emphysema and I have asthma so we just wheeze along. Both Janie & Bill on vacation, Janie in Arcata at old home. We just lost Aunt Neenie (89 years) (Lucretia MORGAN SORENSON) and Bill & wife left yesterday after leaving Edie, my 11-year-old grand-daughter with me, the other two to their grandmother Gavin in Concord. The last thing Bill said to me was "Write Alice. Tell her we will be at the Reunion and we will take you" - so I'll tell you all the news then. Janie & Carl think they will be in Hollister then so they will come. "So bye for now. As ever, Aunt Elma. P S Janie sent you the addresses? (yes) Uncle Chub's wife Gene is coming, too. She is remarried & just visited me." This was in reply to my invitation to the Box family reunion in Central Park, Fremont, CA., and is the only letter I ever received in my life from Aunt Elma. She was a 'visitor' rather than a writer.

1986 - Bill sent me copies of Aunt Elma's obituary, which he wrote:

(The article was accompanied by a large and lovely photograph)

"ELMA PAULINE CLEMENS - Elma Pauline Clemens died July 23, 1986, in Stockton

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at age 81. A native of Arcata, she was born April 22, 1905, and was the last surviving member of the pioneer Box family. Her family homesteaded near Hyampom, Trinity County, in the 1890's.

"She married her first husband, William N Morgan of Arcata, in 1921. He preceded her in death in 1952. Mrs Clemens married George J Clemens of Stockton in 1959. He passed away in 1983.

"Among those saddened by her death are her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Carl Blankenship of Arcata; her son and daughter-in-law, William and Virginia Morgan of Eureka; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition, she leaves many friends of whom two were very special, Cora Hershberger and Janet Burke, both of King Salmon. Memorial graveside services will be conducted at Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata, on Thursday, July 31, at 2 PM with Pastor Wesley Powell of the First Baptist Church of Eureka officiating.

"In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

"In her later years, Elma Pauline led a plain and simple life that revolved around her family, friends and God. She will be remembered as a warm and sharing woman whose gifts were many, whose wants were few. Her family will recall that no one ever left her home hungry for food, companionship, or love. She will be missed."



Elma, about 14 years old, holding Norman, Beryl at her side. Abt 1919, Trinity Co.

Early 1920's - Elmer Martin, Bill Morgan, Ora Matzen, Elma Morgan and probably Jane. Captioned: "Taken at Whaling Station near Trinidad"



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1924 - William Nicholas "Bill" MORGAN b 15 Sep 1924, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 Parents: William Nicholas MORGAN & Elma Pauline BOX
 m 1) Frances Cecilia EVANS
 m 2) Diane Lee GAVIN 28 Dec 1966, El Paso, El Paso Co, TX (div)
 m 3) Virginia Edrie ROBBINS

1924 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook birth announcement in form of a radiogram:
 "Father Stork Radio Broadcasting Company, Joe Stork, Pres. RADIOBABYGRAM,
 Weight: 10 lbs; Date: Sept 15 1924; to Aunt & Uncle, I'll tell the world I've
 arrived. Ma and Dad are tickled pink. They've decided to call me Billie Jr, in
 care of Mr & Mrs Wm N Morgan"

1945 - 25 April letter from Alice Box to Aunt Ora - excerpts re Bill:
 "...Aunt Elma phoned yesterday, and Mother and Daddy went down to see her last
 night. I haven't seen her myself since I have been home, but have talked to
 her on the phone a couple of times. She had just received a letter from Billy,
 and he was fine....still around Okinawa, she thinks. He can't be transferred
 to a submarine until he is 21 years old, so is still on the USS Brazos. Jane
 was supposed to have come over and stayed with us for a couple of days last
 week, but she...." and the last page of the letter is missing.

1958 - Douglas Howard MORGAN born 29 Dec, Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA
 1960 - Adele Louise MORGAN born 11 Dec, Concord, Contra Costa Co, CA
 1963 - Edre Anna MORGAN born 17 Oct, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, CA

1961 - Aunt Anita's 1961 scrapbook has 3 clippings, two with photos, about
 Naval Lt William N Morgan:

1) Photo caption - "Capt Robert Heilig (left) Cuts Missile Center Cake -
 Missile Unit Commander Lt William Morgan assists"...and the article:
 "Navy Dedicates Missile Center - CONCORD, May 4 - The new missile service
 center at Concord Naval Ammunition Depot was dedicated yesterday with Chaplain
 John Cavendish asking 'God's blessing to make it an instrument of peace.'
 The sentiment was echoed by Capt Robert Heilig, base commander, who said
 experience makes military people 'practical pacifists.'.....
 "Lt William Morgan, service unit commander, said his group 'appreciates the
 handsome new buildings but people, not brick and mortar, is still the important
 factor in our effort.'....."

2) Photo caption - "RIBBON CUTTING - Capt R B Heilig, commanding officer,
 prepares to cut ribbon marking official acceptance by Concord Naval Ammunition
 Depot Wednesday of newly completed missile storage and testing facility. Taking
 part in ceremony, from left, areand Lt W. N. Morgan, in charge of the
 new facility. - Transcript Press"and the article:
 "NAVY CUTS RIBBON ON NEW MISSILE FACILITY - Concord Naval Ammunition Depot this
 afternoon cut the ribbon on its new \$5-million dollar missile processing
 facility.

"City and county officials were guests at the 2 pm ceremony at which keys were
 passed by Depot Commanding Officer Capt R B Heilig to Lt W N Morgan, officer
 in charge of the Navy's Guided Missile Service Unit 212.....Guided Missile
 Service Unit 212 is staffed by three officers. Lt Morgan; Lt P A Hair,
 assistant officer in charge and Ens J C Johnson, administrative officer, and by
 90 enlisted men, most of them with technical ratings."

3) "\$5 Million Missile Test Center Opens - CONCORD May 3 - Buildings to house a
 \$5 million guided missile center opened this afternoon.....Only non-destructive
 testing will be in use.....The staff of the service center is headed by Lt W N
 Morgan."

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1975 - In his 30 Dec letter, Bill sent the following information about his family: (See Elma Pauline BOX Notes for her information)

"My father, William Nicholas Morgan, Sr., was born in Arcata on Jan 12, 1894, the youngest child of William Noble Morgan and Phoebe Jane (Wilson) Morgan. At that time they had a ranch near the summit of Liscomb Hill, about 10 miles east of Arcata. In 1903 they purchased the home at 1192 "G" Street, Arcata.

"My grandfather and grandmother Morgan came to California by railroad in 1875 from Iowa, where they were married. My grandfather was originally from the Lancaster, PA area. I don't know where the Wilson family originated. Perhaps my sister Jane would know.

"My aunt, Lucretia (Morgan) Sorensen lived at 1192 "G" Street, Arcata, until her death in May 1975. She was 89 years old. The home now belongs to my sister Jane, who was raised by my Aunt Lucretia and my Uncle Vernor Morgan, who never married.

"Ben Sorensen (Lucretia's husband) was a relative of Nick Matzen who married Ora Box....

"My sister, Jane Dolores (Morgan) Blankenship was born July 18, 1922, at Arcata, CA. She was the first child of William and Elma ((Box) Morgan. After my mother and father separated, Jane lived with my Aunt Lucretia and Uncle Ben Sorensen and my Uncle Vernor in Arcata. My mother took me to Chehalis, WA. I returned to CA in 1935 to live with Aunt Bessie (Box) and Uncle Elmer ("Chub") Martin in Manteca."

Sometime after Bill was in Chehalis, WA with Aunt Elma, he lived with a family near our home in East Oakland. My father would occasionally pick him up and bring him to our house to play with us. He was a very friendly and likable little boy, and we, along with my cousin, Mary Jean, who lived next door to us, enjoyed his company. He later joined the U S Navy, and I believe retired from the navy. He now owns a large fishing boat which sails out of Eureka, CA. He and his wife, Virginia (Robbins) live on Anderson Island, WA in 1990.
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Bill and Virginia Morgan - 7 Aug 1989

Notes for Mildred Adaline ("Ad") BOX-10

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1840 - Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX b 16 Jul 1840, Chickasaw Co, MS
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE 15 Sep 1859, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 17 Apr 1913 or 1917?
 bur Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA

PLEASE see Joel Mortimer Zane, Sr Notes for more information on Ad Box.

1859 - Sonoma County Marriages 1847-1902, Book A, Page 139, Reg A8:
 "Zane, Joel m. Adaline Box 15 Sep 1859, Sonoma, by Wm Ellis, J.P. 1858-79
 Sonoma Twp" (per Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood)

aft 1859 - Lucy R b (? but pbly aft 1859) Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA

1862 - Elmes Colonel b 1862

abt 1864 - George Solon b abt 1864

1870 - Willis Albert "Will" b 30 Jan 1870, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA

1876/77 - Joel Mortimer Jr b either 1876 or 1877?

1907 - Letter from Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE 10 Nov while visiting in Kenwood:
 "Your Aunt Ad has not Christianscienced on me atall."

Dr ZANE gave me an undated clipping from San Francisco confirming the story that Zane Grey, the author, was a distant relative of the Zane family we are related to: "Zanes revisited - RE YOUR correspondence (Feb 21) about the origin of the name Zanesville, Ohio: So happens that an ancestor of mine, Ebenezer, founded that town; and Zane Grey (a very distant cousin) got his first name from his mother, whose maiden name was Zane. She descended from Ebenezer's sister, Betty, a frontier heroine. (signed) Maitland Zane, San Francisco."



Left: Original Zane house in Glen Ellen; left side built 1865; right side added 1890. The original faced the hill when built, but was turned when road changed along the Creek. Cement front 1940; Recondition 1940.
 Below: The house as it is today.



Notes for Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE-30

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 1834 - Joel Mortimer ZANE b 16 Dec 1834, Zanesville, Muskingum Co, OH
 Parents: Isaiah ZANE & Penelope Jane MEANS
 m 15 Sep 1859, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 20 Jan 1907, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA

1834 - Zanesville was named for one of his ancestors. I have a complete hand-written history of the town as given to me by Dr Josephine Zane. Lack of space prohibits its inclusion here, but if anyone is interested I will send a copy. Also, Diane Nichols, a Zane descendant, has traced the family back to 1620. Mort later moved to Andrew Co, MO and to Sonoma Co in 1858.

1859 - Sonoma County Recorder's Office (Courtesy Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood)
 "ZANE, Joel m Adaline BOX 15 Sep 1859, Book A, P 139, Reg. A8, Sonoma, by Wm Ellis, J P, 1858-79, Sonoma Township." Another book had the full account, which she also sent to me earlier: "State of California, County of Sonoma...This is to certify that on the 15th day of September, 1859, in the Township of Sonoma I married (sic) Joel Zane of Sonoma Co aged 25 years, a native of the state of Ohio, to Adline (sic) Box of the same place aged 19 years, a native of the State of Alabama... All free white persons. Wm Ellis, Justice of the Peace of Sonoma Township. Filed for Recording Oct 14 1859 at 9..AM at request of Wm Ellis and recorded 12 o'clock. Thomas H Pyatt, Recorder of Sonoma Co"

1877 - Entry in HISTORICAL ATLAS OF SONOMA COUNTY 1877 Santa Rosa Township:
 "Name: Zane, J M; Residence, Sonoma; Business, Farmer & Vintner, 160 acres; Nativity, Ohio; When Came to State, 1852; to County, 1852; (P.O.) Glen Ellen." These two 1852 dates conflict with information above and below, which state that Joel Mortimer Zane came to Sonoma County in 1858. It is possible I copied it wrong, or the Atlas had the wrong date. I would certainly tend to believe the quote from J M Zane himself in the undated clipping below.

1890 - Great Register of Voters, Sonoma Co, CA for 1890 lists:
 "Zane, Joel Mortimer, 53, (should be 55, b. Dec 1834), b. OH, farmer, Son Twp"

1893 - from VINEYARDS IN SONOMA CO by I DeTurk, p19:
 "Zane, J. M., Glen Ellen - Total 15 acres: Wine grapes; in bearing, 7 acres; soil light gravelly loam; valley & upland southern exposure; crop, 15T. Expects to replant about 10A of old vineyard to Riparia next year."

1904 - Unattributed, undated clipping evidently from a Sonoma Co newspaper because it refers to another old home in the area, Casa Wagner. The clipping is signed "The Wanderer." Someone in the Zane family has penned notes and dates in the margin of the clipping which serve to confirm previous birth and marriage dates. I will insert in parentheses some minor corrections the reporter did not check prior to publication, as well as some clarifications:

"If any one should view the westerly side of Sonoma mountain from a distant point, he would be apt to wonder how any farmer could successfully conduct anything but a goat or sheep range on its steep sides. After a ride of a short distance, however, as one goes northerly from Glen Ellen, the impression gained from a distant view changes - distance may have lent 'enchantment to the view,' but an insight can only be had by a closer acquaintance. The grades in the road are not bad, after the first half mile of ascent, the land rising in benches or plateaus.

"I stopped at the farm of Joseph (should be Joel Mortimer) Zane, 'Joe' Zane called hereabouts, (the family usually referred to him as 'Mort') and as I approached the house a large, Newfoundland dog sprang forward in welcome.

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"There are only three old settlers in this vicinity, Joshua Chauvet, Mr Thompson (probably the Thompson whose daughter, Minnie Gertrude, later married Joel Mortimer's son, Willis Albert) and myself," said Mr Zane. "Were you ever in Ohio? Zanesville, you know?"

"I came from about seven miles of that place, which was named after my grandfather, Ebenezer Zane. (NOTE: Diane Nichols' very complete records on the Zane family show Joel Mortimer Zane's grandfather as Silas Zane Jr, so don't know to whom Joel refers here. It is true that Ebenezer Zane was the founder of Zanesville, Ohio.) From Ohio I went to Andrew county Missouri, and came to Sonoma County in '58. Here I have lived ever since."

"Mr. Zane has passed his seventieth birthday, but the forty-six years of farming on the side of Sonoma mountain have left him as hale and hearty as a man of fifty. His estimable wife (Mildred Adaline (BOX) ZANE), also, seems to have escaped ageing influences. She laughingly disclaimed being 'an old resident, too' and her husband came to her rescue by saying that he was a bachelor for over a year after settling in this county."

"THE ZANE HOME "In 1864 Mr. Zane built a fair sized dwelling of one and a half stories and in 1882 a large two-story wing was added. There the family still resides. The farm contains only about eighty-three acres, but the soil is fertile and the crops good. The owner is justly proud of the young peach orchard which is conceded to be the finest in that section. On the place are prune and plumtrees of various kinds, choice varieties of apples, a small vineyard, hayfield and a good pasture. Besides two promising colts and the work horses, there are six head of cattle and numerous poultry. Miss Lucy Zane, the only daughter, who is a fearless and graceful rider, intends to break one of the colts for her exclusive use....." (The article continues with a description of Casa Wagner, near the Zane farm.)

1907 - Notes from Margaret Wiltshire on the Zane property in Glen Ellen:

"On the breadboard map, 6-6 book, it shows Joel sold to M. A. (Mildred Adaline Box Zane) on 4/29/07 the 82.25 acres. Then on 11/3/13 this was subdivided from her estate into five lots for the five children: George S got lot 1, 17.23 acres; Elmer (Elmes) C got lot 2, 18.51 acres; Lucy R got lot 3, 17.32 acres; Joel M (Jr) got lot 4, 18.95; W.A. got lot 5 -- amount not noted, but later shows Willis A had 19.4 acres. This doesn't total out to 82.25--oh, well!!!" (NOTE: It totals 91.41)

"In Book 9B it shows Minnie Gertrude Zane buying from Wm A --I guess this was his wife you show as Minnie Thompson, ...Also Lot 1 of George was sold to Grace A Keeley (guess she married a Mr Keeley), by 12/22/24."

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Notes for Lucy R. ZANE-31

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aft 1859 - Lucy R ZANE b pbly aft 1859 when her parents were married.
Parents: Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE & Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX
d abt 1939/40, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA

1890's? - Unknown to me until recently when Roger Zane told me about it, Lucy had some land in the White River area of Tulare County. This plot shows on the 1892 Tulare County Atlas Section Map sent to me by Jane Guthrie Muller, and is adjacent to the Sam Box ranch. Roger said she took it in trade for some Glen Ellen property she inherited. Another member of the family wanted the Glen Ellen property, so she agreed to the trade. It seems she lived on the Tulare Co homestead until it was "proved up" and then returned to Glen Ellen for the remainder of her life.

1900 - 5 Oct - Lucy was back home in Glen Ellen at this time because her brother Elmes in Alaska wrote to their mother saying he was "glad Lucy is home with you while Mort is away..." Mort was in Alaska with Elmes at the time.

1930's - Lucy lived in the old Zane farmhouse in Glen Ellen.

I remember her so clearly and with great kindness because she is the first adult who ever allowed me to play the organ. She had an old harmonium (pump organ) in her home, and as a young child studying piano I was totally fascinated by it. She encouraged me, and it was a great thrill for me. I remember playing "Shall We Gather By the River," my father's favorite hymn, and "In The Garden," my mother's favorite. Lucy may have been eccentric, but I always thought of her as an interesting and kind lady. Roger Zane wrote to me and sent me an excellent photograph of the organ in June 1991 and said: "This organ almost got away from us. When my parents moved back to Glen Ellen in 1940 they had a piano and didn't want the organ, so they gave it away. After a year or so the party never came after it. So I took it. I have given it to our daughter who lives here on the ranch." ...I was happy to hear that it remains in the Zane family.

1930's - Lucy came to some of our Box family reunions in Sonoma County, and was considered "strange" by some of the family. She did look odd at times with her hats and layered clothing covered usually with a long cardigan sweater or black coat. My sister, Evelyn said Aunt Ora (BOX) Matzen, who saw Lucy often because of Aunt Ora's summer home in Glen Ellen, understood that Lucy was eccentric because when she was young she was not allowed to marry the man she loved, so she never married. She was kind of a recluse, but always welcomed my father, Aunt Ora and our family when we came to see her.

1939 - Roger Zane told me in a telephone conversation June 1991 that when Lucy died in about 1939, his parents moved from Ceres to the Glen Ellen Zane ranch. When his father died the property was left to Roger's two brothers, Alan and Willis, and Roger took the Yolo County property. He believes the original Zane ranch property, with the exception of the acreage still held at the bottom of the hill by Dr Josephine Williams Zane, was sold a few years ago, and the house was moved up on the mountain where it stands today.

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 1862 - Elmes Colonel ZANE b 1862

Parents: Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE & Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX
d 14 Feb 1933, Woodland, Yolo Co, CA

1890 - Great Register of Voters, Sonoma Co, CA for 1890 shows:
"Zane, Elmes Colonel, 26 (should be 28), b. CA, farmer, Son Twp"
(Information given by Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood)

1898 - In a telephone conversation with Roger ZANE in Jan 1991, he told me his father, Will ZANE, had gone to Alaska in 1897 to mine gold in the Dawson area. In 1898 his Uncles Mort (Jr) and Elmes also went to Alaska. This confirms what I had always heard: that Mort and Elmes were Alaskan pioneers, and as of this date Willis Albert ZANE joins that select group. This may have influenced my father, Andrew Howell BOX, in his decision to go to Alaska when he returned from WWI, and later Uncle Reuben Preston BOX also went up there.

All of the following letters from Elmes during his 4-year stay in Alaska to his family are carefully written, mostly in ink, in clear penmanship, little punctuation, but always communicate clearly his observations, experiences and concern for the family at home. Space does not allow the inclusion of the many letters in their entirety, but I can recommend them for interesting reading. They came to me through the kindness of Diane Nichols, a member of the Zane side of the family who has traced their heritage back to 1620. Diane had received copies of these letters from Roger Zane, in the Box-Zane family, and both agreed I could use them in this history. The letters from Alaska circulated throughout the Zane family in CA.

PLEASE see Joel Mortimer ZANE Jr and Willis Albert ZANE Notes re Alaska also.

1898 - 17 Apr from Elmes in Dyea, AK to his brother George: "...We landed... and made arrangements to have our outfit hauled by team nine miles up the canyon - about one half the distance to the summit and unless we can have it packed very cheaply will do our own work from there. The packers are cutting sales all to piece as the travel this way has about ceased. They have our outfit consisting of 2600 lbs, at \$8 per ton when last week they were charging \$25 per ton. This town is a thing of the past and property has decreased 50% in value...yet there was a great deal of money made for a short time this winter. "Today I rdoe a wild horse for a packer and tomorrow he will lend me a gentle saddle horse to ride to the summit...I will inspect the road and see the noted Chillcoot... "The days are getting very long here now - the sun rises at 4:30 and sets at 8:30....Boys, your Uncle Elmes is a long ways from you..."

1898 - 5 May - from Elmes at Lake Lindemann to sister-in-law Grace:
"We are now safely camped on the shore of Lake Lindemann and have our outfit high and dry in front of our tent. I had great sport sliding our things from the summit down here. We brought them all down in three loads. We had no trouble in getting our Outfit over the summit. I packed every pound of mine and worked rather hard for a few days, but nothing like forking on the San Joaquin plains...I never felt better in my life. I can run over these hills all day and never get tired...I haven't taken a drop of medicine for three weeks. "I am having a grand time - something I have always desired. How I wish George, Mort...were with me to share the fun. I now expect to go on to Dawson so will meet Willie in another month. I have met quite a number of friends from Woodland and the other day I saw two men pass our tent... happened to glance up...one of them said 'Hello, Elmes.' I said 'Hello, Ed' - it was your brother. It has been several years since I saw him last.... I see him every day."

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 "We will have about three weeks time to build our boat, then follow the breaking ice down the Yukon to Dawson...Lumber is selling at \$300 per M ft and as it will take about 300' for our boat we will not buy, but saw it out... I have learned that a R.R. is being built from Skagway to Lindemann. If so there will be great opposition between the three routes Skagway, Dyea and St Michels."

1898- 22 May - from Elmes to his mother: "...We are half way down on Lake Lindeman about three miles from Bennett in a lovely little cove sheltered from the wind by a high cliff of rocks...We finished sawing the 500 ft (of lumber) in seven days and are now building the boat. We will be about four days more building... then we will sit down and wait for the ice to break and float out of the lakes and follow it down to Dawson. There I expect to meet Willie and do whatever we think best...We are building a good large boat 25' long which would hold three times as much as we have so you need not worry about us. ..."I never felt better in my life. Have stopped taking medicine and can eat anything. I do more whistling and singing than all the rest... "...There is very little game here - only a few grouse and only a few fish have been caught. This would be a great camping place if there was more game. "A few days ago we bought six lbs of good fresh beef at 25 cts per lb... We are short of nails and may have to buy five lbs...at 25 cts a pound."

1898 - 22 May-from Elmes to his brother George:"...will be glad to meet Willie in Dawson. I do not feel discouraged in the least by his letter and think he will feel more contented when I get there. We will work and prospect together... for we may both go down on the American side... Wish I had the boys here this afternoon. We would have a circus climbing over these rocky moss covered hills."

1898 - 29 May - Elmes at Lindemann to his brother George:
 "...Well, for the last two days the south wind has been blowing a gale and the once solid old lake has turned into a rippling sea. It is wonderful how all the ice could blow through such a small outlet not more than fifty ft wide in two days but such is the case and while this morning there was considerable ice at the lower end this evening there is none in sight. In the morning we will launch our boat and as soon as she becomes watertight we will start for Dawson unless we change our minds and go up the Stuart for a few weeks. We have a good boat 25 ft long and 5 ft wide in the bottom and it is large enough to float 4 tons. Our boat is worth \$200 the way boats have been selling lately.. "We (will) make a sail from one of our tents..I never new I was such a carpenter until I started in on our boat... Out of twenty boats that are here it is said to be the best shaped of all...The latest S.F. papers we have are the 19th and 20th so you see we are not so far behind the rest of the world with the news. Seattle papers we get about four days old - all papers 25 cts each...Today one of the boys in camp trimmed my whiskers in the latest style and cut my hair..."

1898 - 26 Jun from Elmes in Dawson to his mother:
 "...Tuesday morning I stepped into line at the P O expecting to find a letter from W. telling me where I could find him. Thinking of course he had rec'd letters from home informing him of my coming. The crowd was so immense at the P O that I had to stand in line five hours before admitted into the Office. After I had stood there about four hours I happened to glance up and saw a person approaching the crowd whom I thought I knew...wearing the most homesick expression on his face I ever saw. I nearly shook myself to pieces laughing as he stood there reading some notices that were tacked up on the building. While I couldn't help pitying the boy from the expression on his face... In about ten minutes he sized up the crowd and spied me, then the expression on his face changed and I guess he was glad for once in his life to see me.

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"I told him all the news in about half an hour. I still held my place in line...got four letters for him, three from you and Lucy and one from Grace...We brought in 2 gals of whiskey for medicinal purposes - didn't need it - sold it for \$50. Will don't use tobacco nor drink whiskey.

"Dawson is a booming town...three sawmills running day and night...is now a city of tents and boats. The boats are five deep all along the waterfront for two miles and buildings and log houses going up in all directions. There are some very good two-story frame buildings here and the two company stores have mining tool ware houses running back a block... Willie has 3 claims - one I think will be good and one good claim in this co. is enough. After Willie got through stampeeding this Spring he went to work in the mines at \$15 per day (ten hours)...so you see he has enough dust for another years supply as provisions are very cheap now... Flour is only \$6 per sack - Sugar and bacon 30 cts - "Willie (looks) fine-beard same color as mine and everyone says they can't tell us apart...I remained here to cache my goods and see if I could buy him an outfit cheap. I was offered one today - everything - tent, clothing, stove, gun and provisions for a year for \$300 but have concluded to wait for awhile. "Mr M C Manuel, formerly of Sonoma, is here. He is Papa's age. I feel sorry for the poor old man yet he thinks he is all right and is pleased with the country...Tomorrow I will walk 220 miles with a small pack, about 50#, join Willis, help him for a few days then we will go out prospecting. We may get in my boat and float down to 70 mile Creek...while there stake off some claims and return here to work his mines this winter if they are any good. "Don't look for us home for three years..."

1898 - 26 Oct - from Elmes in Klondyke City to Willie, then to his mother: "...The coldest weather this Fall was last Sunday - 10 below and I worked all day in my shirtsleeves... The other day ... two men passed by... I sized one of them up and asked if he was from Cal and if his name wasn't *Guerne- he answered yes, then I invited them to dine with us. He wanted to know who on Earth I was. I told him to guess. He first said Box, then Zane. I hadn't see him for twenty three years - nor knew he was in this part of the World. Tell his folks he is well and pleased with this co... "Mama don't be uneasy about me even if you don't get a letter for six months as you know how unreliable this mail system is...There is no danger of my starving as I can kill game enough to see me through..and as for freezing I have plenty of good warm clothes and there is plenty of wood in this co... "I have just finished building one of the finest Log Cabins you ever saw - dimentions 14 x 15 so you see I have a home here..." (*NOTE: Probably from the Guerne family my father said was a friend of the Box family in Glen Ellen, and the family for which Guerneville was named)

1899 - 13 Mar - Letter from Elmes in Dawson to his mother: "...You must have had a Merry Christmas. While mine was not so very merry it was odd...I was very sorry to learn of the death of Allie's baby. I remember he was a fine boy. Poor Albert Williams I think is as well off as ever. I am not acquainted with Mrs Holder's friend Charles Spinney. Dan Guerne is some better. I saw him two days ago. He has about recovered from scurvy. His stomach is very weak and he has no appetite. His worst ailment is now pleurisy. About two weeks ago the Dr tapped in and put in a draining tube letting out the water. There is no give up to Dan and he stands a good show to recover yet the Dr said not before warm weather. Sorry to hear of Jim Shaw's bad luck. I hear Kotzebue sound is poor.

1899 - 29 Mar - Elmes in Dawson to his mother: "...I went to P O and found ten letters among them yours...and Willie's from Dyca, Seattle and San Jose...you needn't worry in the least about me as the

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only dangerous diseases here are Typhoid fever and Scurvy. I have seen so many scurvy cases this winter and have seen how easily it can be prevented by taking a little spruce tea or cured by simple remedies that I have not the least fear of it. Typhoid fever is the most feared yet the best doctors here say it is all in the water and by boiling the water kills the germs therefore I intend to cook all the water that I drink here this summer and there will be no danger. "Willie no doubt you are once more happy riding through the beautiful Hatch Orchard with neither a 50# pack on your back nor pulling a sled and you are sure of three square meals and a pocket full of Almonds and Olives between meals. Eat a box of Royal Anns for me in May. I still relish bacon and beans and dried fruit. That is good enough in this country with an occasional moose steak. "Mort, wish you would lend me the mules this summer. I would go to the North Pole. I missed my guitar this Winter, but had no use for the gloves (boxing). "I have just been to the hospital to see Dan Guerne and am sorry to state that he is a very sick man. He seems to be growing weaker every day. The Drs have about given him up. Dan is very gritty and still has hopes of recovering. His partner Mr Harding is like a brother to him and is with him every day. Dan wishes me to write to George Guerne tomorrow."

1899 -15 Nov- Elmes to his mother: "I am once more back to the City of Gold... Cape Nome is all the rage here and a great many will go from here over the ice this winter and many more will go down after the River opens in the Spring.

1899 -26 Nov- Elmes in Dawson to Grace Zane: "...letter-writing is not a pleasant task in this co. on account of poor pens, unfavorable opportunities and 'that tired feeling'... If you but knew how much I appreciate your letters you would write oftener I think and not wait for answers...no place like Dawson to winter in. Cape Nome and Unalaska are too quiet, and the North Pole is too far from civilization but Dawson is just right...I just escaped being swallowed by the Earth at the time of the heavy Earthquake this Fall... Georgie and Neal how I wish you were here with me today. We could have a game of snowball, and go sleighing behind a team of ten dogs and I'll tell you that's fun. Each of you boys please eat a box of peaches extra for me next summer.... "George ... I feel sure that you will make it all right at Y.O. You will have to get things down fine and be very careful. Be open, keep nothing from Mr DePue and do your very best. Don't drive over the Country too much-stay right at your post and don't give it up. Stay right there...It is nice to have Willie with you and he will be a great help to you. I presume the boys will go to school at Yolo and be great big fellows in another year or so...write...tell me all the news as I have lost all of my summer mail (on a ship that sank)..."

1900 - 6 Jul - Elmes in Slate Creek, Koijukuk Dist. to his mother:

"...I don't think much of this country - there is but one creek and one hill that has proven any good so far. I will prospect here for a few weeks and then go to Nome or Dawson. Wages here are \$15 per day. I bought a sack of flour today for \$10 which was very cheap....I killed some fine game coming in..."

1900 -5 Oct - Elmes in Dawson to his mother:

"...arrived here...two days ago and much to my surprise found Mort (his brother) who has been here over three weeks. He had a fine trip up the Yukon from Nome and if ever I saw a big fat happy go lucky fellow it is Mort. He has so much confidence in himself and is not afraid of anything. He is now working in town in a sawmill, has good board and the work is only play for the big strong fellow. He has work already engaged ...lucky to get work in one of the best mines here where they set the best table and pay is sure. ...When Mort first saw me he sprang half way across the room and caught me by both shoulders

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and gave me quite a shaking before I could realize who it was. You can't imagine how glad I was to see him and I am glad he came. He will do well here and you needn't worry about him...

"I am glad Lucy is home with you while Mort is away and Geo and Willie are getting on so well. I am surprised at papa having so much fruit. He is quite a horticulturist and I hope the young vines will prove a success. Mort said he helped graft them and thought it would be quite a vineyard by next year..."

1901 - 5 May - Elmes in Dawson to his mother:

"I have been trying to get Mort to write home for some time but he is so fat and lazy that he won't even shave himself. He shaved off his mustache last Winter and it came in snowwhite ...yet it doesn't look bad and is rather becoming..both getting on fine in the best of health and making money...We are having a very late Spring, a month later than last year...will be some time yet before the ice breaks in the Yukon....July 8th- As I failed to send this letter will write a few lines more...I am on Bonanza, Mort is teaming all over the country. I see him quite often and sometimes write him...We are both doing so well that I don't believe we can go home this fall unless you insist on our going. My time is up and I promised you I would go home so it will all depend on your answer. If you say come, we will, but if we can stay another winter we can then go out for good and if we go out this fall we or at least I will have to come back again. ...As much as I would like to see you I believe it would be better for me to wait until next summer ...Now don't feel disappointed and if you want us to come we will surely go.....

"I am glad to hear you will have good crops this year - how I would like to be there this summer..."

1901 - 14 Jul - Elmes at 38A Bonanza to Willie (his brother):

"...I am very much amused to think you would think of bringing a car load of honey to this co. The miners don't eat the stuff at all. I only ate 1/2 can all winter. There is 20 cans of syrup used here to one of honey so drop the idea at once...Mort and I are getting on OK. Mort is still driving a big 4-horse team and I have the greatest snap I ever had...I wrote Mama that we would not go home this fall if she would let us stay in another winter and I guess she will so don't look for us. Why don't you write longer letters and send more news - tell me something about the people, horses, dogs, etc. What caused Ed Hopis (?sp) to commit suicide How is Uncle Hasyden making it with his prunes. Is old man Thompson well. Do Geo & Neil ride horseback. Does Grace go to church. Does George eat mush (straight mush) for breakfast. How is Florence. Where is Millington. Does he still like the red-haired girl with the white horse. How are the hops planted along the road doing. How are the greyhounds. Are all the old horses still there. Any new machinery. How many kids had Maude. Have the peach cots been grafted over. Are watermelons ripe. Love to all..Elmes"
(NOTE: Couldn't resist including all of this as perhaps the first-ever essay on "How to Write a Letter"!!)

1901 - 2 Sep - Elmes in Dawson to Willie:

"...came to town on a flying trip...(saw) Mort this morning - happy as a lark with his big team hauling peaches, grapes, melons, plums, watermelons, etc to warehouse and eats all that are broken...both well and have decided to remain over Winter... Sorry George will leave Y.O. (Yolo Orchard)...I herewith send you P O orders (3) for \$300. Send Mama \$100 if you have no particular use for it and I will return to you next time..."

1901 - 21 Nov - Elmes in Dawson to his mother:

"...I am sorry to hear of so many deaths. Poor Uncle Josiah (William Josiah

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Box d. 26 May 1901) I will never see him again and I am so sorry for the Hiltons - it must have been a terrible blow for them to lose Willie just as he was grown to manhood and should have been there to comfort them in their old age. And poor *Allie has lost both her child and husband.

"Mort was to see me a few days ago...I bought him a pair of fur boots ..so with his fur coat-cap and boots he will surely keep comfortable....Where I am I will not see the Sun again until the middle of March. Lucy- why didn't you come in this fall. There is no use waiting until Spring. I would like to see how you would stand an Arctic Winter. I think you would like the cold.

"Mama, take the money I sent you and spend it that is what I wish you to do with it. Take a trip to Tulare, or go to Uncle Sam's..."

(NOTE: *If he refers to Almira Lee "Allie" White in this letter and the previous Mar 1899 letter, it means that she was married prior to marrying James S Wilson in 1904. No other information on this possibility, so is pure conjecture at this point)

1901 - 13 Dec - from Elmes in #3 Gay Gulch to Willie:

"...Glad you and Geo are still holding down the orchard but can't understand why you should stay in such a tame place as that. This is the only place on Earth for a poor man. You, Lucy and George with family should have been in here for the last three years...I am thoroughly acclimated - This is New Years eve the thermometer is now 62 below....Mort...here Christmas day to see me for a few minutes. He had turkey at Dewy Hotel and I had two turkey dinners here on the creek. Mort's partner McDurnutt is making a fortune in the blacksmith business at Dawson....I expect to do some hand prospecting next summer...Dawson is now an uptodate City and we have the telegraphed news of the world but a few minutes later than San Francisco. Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Goodbye, Elmes"

1902 - 9 Jun - Elmes in Dawson to Willie:

"....There will be more work done here this summer than ever before on account of the RR from Dawson toward Stewart River& a wagon road from Dawson to Whitehorse which will require all the idle men who are not working in the mines - wages are from \$4 to \$5 and board. The main rush will not begin until July as the open cut mining will not start until then.

"I think however it is your duty to remain at the Orchard and help with the big fruit crop. There is plenty of time to come in this country. Mort and I will go home in October. I now expect to go camping the first of August and be gone about six weeks....You don't want to take much stock in Mort's letters- he is doing way up and has a good long sack of dust. Mort is doing better than most men who work for wages in this co. He has bought in with the Dawson Transfer Co, one of the largest freight outfits and drives a good four-horse team for them.

Elmes remained a bachelor all his life.

1933 - Per Aunt Anita's 1932-1938 scrapbook:

Obituary - "In Woodland, Yolo County, February 14, 1933, Elmes C Zane of Davis; brother of Joel Zane of Dagis (sic), Miss Lucy R Zane of Glenellen (sic) and Willis A Zane of Ceres; a native of Sonoma County: aged 70 years."

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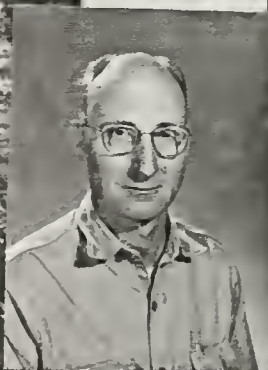
aft 1891 - George Alden ZANE b (pbly after 1891 when parents married)
 Parents: George Solon ZANE & Grace A JOHNSON
 m ? JOHNSTON

According to the following clipping, George had 2 children: George A Zane Jr and Willis.

1941 - Aunt Anita's 1942-44 scrapbook clipping, with pictures of "Mr and Mrs John B Johnston" - headline "WED IN 1891" - "Yolo Couple Observe Nuptial Anniversary - WOODLAND (Yolo Co) Jan 23 - Mr and Mrs John B Johnston of Woodland are receiving congratulations on having observed their golden wedding anniversary.
 "The couple were married in Woodland January 22, 1891, in a house less than four blocks from the one in which they now reside at 110 Second Street.
 "They are the parents of Mrs George A Zane, wife of the Yolo County probation officer, and Lester Johnston, local businessman. Willis and George A Zane Jr are grandchildren. They live in Woodland.
 "A family gathering was held in the Zane home yesterday."

1944 - Aunt Anita's 1942-44 scrapbook clipping with picture of George Zane: "Yolo Probation Cases Increase Over 1944 - WOODLAND (Yolo County), Jan 18 - Probation Officer George Zane reported his office handled 403 juvenile cases in 1944, an increase over the 288 cases in 1943.
 "In a talk to the Woodland Rotary Club Zane pointed out the increase does not necessarily reflect a local breakdown of juvenile standards within the county. He said consideration must be given to the large increase in floating population with its aggravated child care problems."

1962 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has an undated, unattributed clipping:
 "Retired Yolo Aide Gets Juvenile Post - WOODLAND, Yolo Co -
 "George A Zane, former probation officer of Yolo County, has been appointed to the newly created eighth seat on the county's juvenile justice commission.
 "The appointment was announced yesterday by Superior Judge James C McDermott who serves as judge of the juvenile court. Zane, who retired September 30th, was probation officer 29 years."



Above: Dr Josephine Williams Zane in her garden at Glen Ellen. Right: Willis Thompson Zane, 1962 and the Zane Organ

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1895 - Neil C ZANE b 1895

Parents: George Solon ZANE & Grace A JOHNSON
 m Norma B
 d 21 Jan 1963, Woodland, Yolo Co, CA
 bur Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, Yolo Co, CA

Neil and Norma ZANE had 3 children, about whom very little is known. Neil C ZANE Jr was born about 1920. Aunt Anita's 1941 scrapbook has a long clipping reporting his death in an accident near Hawthorne, NV. He was a Private in the US Marine Corps, serving with the Marine Guard at the Naval Ammunition Depot at Hawthorne. "...The deceased was the son of Mr and Mrs Neil C Zane of Woodland and Knights Landing... also leaves a brother, Joseph, and a sister, Jean Zane." He died 18 Mar 1941. Jean's married name: BLICKLE - lived in Woodland in 1963.

1963 - Aunt Anita's 1963 scrapbook obituary, undated, unattributed:

"Neil C Zane - WINTERS, Yolo Co-Funeral services for Neil C Zane, 68, who died Mon in his home here, will be held at 10:30 AM tomorrow in the Kraft Brothers Chapel in Woodland, Yolo County. Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery.

"Zane, who farmed in Yolo County 47 years, lived in Knights Landing 30 years before moving to the Winters area in 1947. He was a native of California.

"Survivors include his wife, Norma B., a son, Joe of Woodland; a daughter, Mrs Jean Blickle of Woodland; a brother, George, of Woodland, who retired last September as Yolo County probation officer; and nine grandchildren.

"The family requests that any remembrance be sent to the American Cancer Society."

1963 - same source, another clipping: "ZANE - Near Winters, Yolo County, January 21, 1963, Neil C Zane of Winters, husband of Norma B, father of Joe and Mrs Jean Blickle, both of Woodland, Yolo County, brother of George of Woodland and grandfather of nine; a native of California, aged 68 years. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM tomorrow in the Kraft Brothers Chapel in Woodland. Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery."

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abt 1864 - George Solon ZANE b abt 1864

Parents: Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE & Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX
 m Grace A JOHNSON 13 Dec 1891, Sonoma Co, CA

1890 - Great Register of Voters, Sonoma Co, CA includes:

"Zane, George Solon, 24, b CA, farmer, Son Twp"

1891 - Marriage Book L, p304, Sonoma County: (per Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood)

"Zane, George S m Grace A Johnson, 13 Dec 1891"

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1870 - Willis Albert "Will" ZANE b 30 Jan 1870, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE & Mildred Adaline "Ad" BOX
 m Minnie Gertrude THOMPSON 1905 (d 17 Sep 1970 Glen Ellen)
 d 1 Jan 1952, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Thompson Family Cemetery, Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma Co, CA

PLEASE see Elmes Colonel ZANE and Joel Mortimer ZANE Jr Notes also for more information on their combined Alaskan adventures.

Willis' letters from Alaska are an English Composition teacher's dream come true: neat and legible handwriting, letter format for the period strictly observed as to date, place of origination, salutation, punctuation, plus the ability to communicate his perceptions in clear English and impeccable spelling. The pitch of his enthusiasm is much lower than that of either Elmes or Mort.

1897 - 22 Nov - Unfinished, unsigned letter to Elmes that I believe is from Willis at Stewart River, B.C. North West Territory:
 "Dear Elmes - I arrived here nearly a month since....have located a claim on Henderson Creek...If you read the papers you know more about Klondyke and her tributaries than I do - Don't you think of coming here next Spring - Wait till the rush is over - I froze my nose twice last week and the Therm was only 42 below - Don't know what I will do when it gets 70 Below....I made a bargain with an ex Yolo Orchardist ...to build a boat at Linderman while I packed his stuff 3 miles to the Lake - The old fool made a boat and it wouldn't float and after riding half a mile I took my beans out and bought passage - paid \$60 - \$40 in money and 50# beans. The Custom House officer called me a Yankee Boy and charged me \$15 to pass the old Ladies (Queen Victoria!) flag...Our boat shot the White Horse Rapids, the Kenyon and 5 Finger Rapids with her full cargo except my Blankets and I shot them around on the Bank. The last 100 miles we floated with big ice bergs - they were so thick we couldn't row...My present partner is from St Helena. His name is W Harrington, he is a graduate from Stanford. Haven't rec'd any letters yet..."

1898 - 6 Mar and 14 Mar (all in one letter) from Willis in Sixty Mile Post, N.W.T. Canada, to his brother George: "I have written to Mort & Elmes, now I will write to you...I have put in the winter stampeding these wildcat creeks jumping claims & trying to get my provisions hauled to Dawson from Stewart River. Have been in Dawson most of the time. I have two rights left. The claims I have might sell for something in the spring when the new Chicakos get in. "The new Governor ...reports that two hundred thousand people are expected in as soon as the thaw is over. Let them come. There is a chance for every man to make a fortune here - one chance for them all....I wouldn't be surprised to see Elmes floating down on an iceberg this spring. If he wouldn't die or freeze to death it would pay him to put in a year here if he didn't make anything. ...Feb was a very cold month - The barometers all froze up & PainKiller froze - it freezes at 72. The Hospital is full of scurvy patients & no doubt there will be lots of sickness in the spring. The fevers were bad last spring... This morning ...the sun is shining brightly & the Therm. only Zero...I shall be happy when I can once more wear a hat & a pair of shoes. Haven't had a chill this side of the Chilkoot Pass-that is-a malarial chill..Windlass rope sold one day in town for \$1.50 per foot & the next day everybody dug up a piece & it dropped to \$150 per mile. Shovels are scarce at \$8 & will be out of reach before the clean up is over. Provisions are still held at \$1 per pound. Fresh meat \$1.20....All the Chicakos who haven't made a haul this winter say they are going to pull down the River on the Stars & Stripes side. The new law here

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gives a fellow only 100 ft. for a claim & the crown takes 20 per cent royalty out of that. The next mining camp I strike will be in Peru where the climate is milder....If a fellow goes out to be gone over night in this country he has to take a bed, stove, pots, frying pan, plates, tent, ax, shovel, gold-pan, beans, bacon, flour, salt, pepper, rice, prunes, muish, sugar, baking powder, coffee, tea, an extra suit of clothes with socks & several other articles.

"Mar 7 - The Canadian mail passed here yesterday & they refused to take any letters so I will have to send this out by a private carrier. One of the Ukiah boys is going out in a few days...These Eldorado & Bonanza Kings wear diamonds, great long fur overcoats & white hats. Do nothing but stand over the bar & drink diluted whisky at 50cents per glass. The St Noyo brought 105 passengers to Dyea, 102 men, 2 ladies & a woman in bloomers....We heard that Congress had appropriated \$200,000 for the starving miners on the Yukon. I wish they would send it in. I am anxious to get my share. ...Georgie & Neil, I will bring a snow ball home to you. Love to all, Willis (14 Mar Dawson letter also):

"I arrived here this P.M. Pulled a sled with 220 pounds 10 miles & have walked six miles empty today. I could do the same thing over before daylight tomorrow morning. I inquired for letters this evening & didn't get a single one. I feel a little disappointed, but not much surprised...It is a puzzle to know what is the best thing to do. I have a claim on Rosebud Creek No 14...Rosebud is a 200 foot creek & I suppose hasn't yet been heard of by outsiders. Think I will hold her at \$3500....I wouldn't be surprised to see Elmes in with a dog team any day. If he hasn't started tell him to draw a long breath - three times in succession - before he starts to the North West Territory..."

1898 - 9 Apr - Willis at Discovery, Bonanza Creek, N.W.T., Canada to his mother: "This letter will not leave this City for several weeks but I have been laying off for 3 or 4 days and am getting lonesome so will write a few lines...i'm working for wages. Want to get a 'grub stake' or a 'get-out stake' while work is plentiful... It is 21 miles to town...(Still no mail for him)... Lucy, this is no place for ladies - I keep thinking all the time that Elmes will be in this spring...Wages are \$1.50 per hour...Work is not steady here like it is on the outside. Besides everything costs so much....I guess the world will go mad when the money boats reach the Pacific Coast - Millions and Millions will be shipped out this Summer. ...No mosquitos yet but they are expected soon. Something to bother a man all the time here. Cold weather or hot, mosquitos or mud and water. If you travel a mile you have to have a hundred on your back or 250 on a sled - And the sluice Boxes full of dust keeps you in a good humor all the time. But this Bacon and Bean diet is a stunner - Moose meat is \$1.50 per pound and that is out of sight for me...The new mining laws are worse than the old ones and they make new ones every week and still they get worse - The whole Crown Government is a highway robbery -

"An ex-Stanford student was caught in the act of robbing a sluice box on the second claim below here Saturday night - The old Judge down in town has no use whatever for the Yankee Boys. It is laughable to think how the Boys are running over each other to get in here and knowing how they will fall over each other to get out this Fall. Tickets are now being sold for the first boat: First Class \$500....."

Note dated 15 May 1898 from Dawson City added at bottom of this letter:

"I came down the creek this morning and will return tomorrow. River open and the 'Chichakos' are drifting in fast. No letters yet. Haven't been able to work steady yet - only work 3 or 4 hours per day. Soon as the weather gets warmer then maybe can get in full time - Love to all, Willis"

1906 - Alan Mortimer b 29 Nov 1906, m Lois M LEACH (div);

Alan d 8 Jun 1983, bur Thompson Family Cemetery, Sonoma Mountain

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 One son: Glenn Alan b 31 Sep 1939, m Cody SAUNDERS; 6 children:
 Elena, Eric, Toby, Diana, Nancy and Betsy (last 2 twins)
 Elena & Toby are married, live in Redding;
 Eric married & has a dau in Nazarene Church College
 (Information from Dr Josephine Zane)

1908 - Mildred b 1908, d 1911 (tragically drowned in the creek in Glen Ellen)

1911 - Willis Thompson b 17 Aug Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA; d 7 Jun 1988
 m Dr Josephine Aldah WILLIAMS (see her Notes for more information)

1916 - Roger McMurray b 9 Aug 1916, Ceres, Stanislaus Co, CA
 m Ruth Eva KUNTZ (b 12 Sep 1915, Schafer, ND) 2 Jun 1947 Santa Cruz, CA
 Children: Betty Ellen b 22 June 1948 Woodland, Yolo Co, CA
 m Raymond E RESCH 18 Jul 1969 Davis, Yolo Co, CA
 Children: Lori Elaine b 14 Jun 1973, Davis, Yolo Co, CA
 Lindsey Ann b 12 May 1976, Woodland " "
 Kari Lea b 2 Dec 1985, Red Bluff, Tehama Co "
 Steven Mack b 25 May 1953 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 ** m Margaret CUMMINGS 2 Sep (yr?) Novato, Marin Co, CA

1920 - In a 2 Jun letter from Vyvyan Bainbridge in Oakland to Flo and Less Guthrie in White River, CA: "....I intended leaving Visalia the Sunday after I left the ranch, but Dad bought a Dodge machine and persuaded me to stay until they came home. I nearly melted in Visalia, and so that made me long for home all the more.

"We started up the valley on Monday and stayed all night in Ceres with Will Zane. They have a nice little ranch two miles south of Ceres. They asked about all of you folks. On Tuesday morning we left for home....."

1932 - Willis Albert Zane was referred to as "Willis A Zane of Ceres" in Elmes Zane's obituary in Feb 1932. Elmes was Willis' brother.

 **Add Children: 1) Marcie Camille b 16 Oct 1979; 2) Lisa Marie b 10 Jun 1981;) All 4 born in
 3) Danielle Dawn b 19 Jul 1983; 4) Jeremiah Cummings b 3 May 1986) Sacramento, CA

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 1908 - Dr Josephine Aldah WILLIAMS ZANE b 28 Feb 1908, Preble Co, OH
 m Willis Thompson ZANE 20 Aug 1945 (Willis d 7 Jun 1988)

1933 - Josephine joined the medical staff of the Sonoma State Home. It was established in 1891 as the California Home for the Care and Training of Feeble-minded Children. In May 1909 the name was changed to the Sonoma State Home, and in 1985 was designated by the state as the Sonoma Developmental Center, one of seven state hospitals in California. When visiting Aunt Ora at her summer home in Glen Ellen, we always called it 'Eldridge,' and used to talk to the children through the fence when we went on walks.

In 1927 the medical staff included one bacteriologist and a full-time orthopedist. Two years later there were five full-time physicians and one dentist on staff...so by coming in 1933, Josephine could well be called one of the pioneers of the facility.

1948 or 1949 - John Willis ZANE b 26 Aug; d 1971 of heart disease.

1950 - Susan Naomi b 27 Oct; m Philip CRARY 12 Jul 1976; Children:
 Jedediah b 30 Jun 1977; Sarah May b May 1982;
 Daniel b Nov 1985; Rebecca b Jun 1989.

Susan attended Nazarene Church College and now lives in San Diego

1990 - I met Dr Josephine Zane Tue 26 Jun 1990, and we spent two wonderful, informative hours together. She very generously allowed me to borrow some pictures of the Zane family, plus a Zane family chart compiled by Diane Nichols that takes the Zane family back to the 17th Century.

1990 - Christmas card note from Josephine: "Thank you for your beautiful and warm greetings...You've read about the Zane trace from West Virginia to Ohio and Zanesville. The Zanes in my memory - all farmers of some sort. Willis' father was in Alaska 1898. G-father Zane homesteaded here in Sonoma County. Willis himself was a good auto mechanic but he did not pursue the trade. Tried college, but migraine headaches stopped his further education. "Have you read the book 'Betty Zane' by Zane Grey? She figured in American history...May the beauty & joy of that Holy Night be with you always. Love, Josephine Zane"

1991 - Jan 22 - Josephine showed me the building she designed to be used for tubercular patients when she was a resident doctor at the State Hospital. After we lunched this day, she also showed me her garden where she spends so much of her time. It lies on a gradual slope below the house, abounds with azaleas and rhododendrons plus many plants and trees natural to the area, and projects a peaceful and reflective ambience. I came away with the conviction that if Josephine had not pursued a medical career, she would have been a much sought-after landscape architect.

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1876/77 - Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE, Jr b 1876/1877?

Parents: Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE & Mildred Adaline "AD" BOX
d 20 Feb 1936 Woodland, Yolo Co, CA

PLEASE see Elmes Colonel ZANE and Willis Albert ZANE Notes for more information on Alaska. Mort's style of writing is less formal than Elmes', his handwriting much less precise, his punctuation almost non-existent and his spelling pretty much phonetic....but he comes through as a colorful character interested both in his family and the world around him.

1900 - 8 July - Letter from Mort in Nome City to "Yolo Kin Folks":

"...This is a great town but a bum country around it ...their is but one rich creek and that is Anvil (NOTE:..where Andy BOX worked in 1922-23 and in July 1970 still the only working gold mine in Nome!!)--the mines haven't started in yet on account of wetter. I have a job on nomber 3 below on Anvil Thay only pay \$5 and board...and then go down to Galovin bay if I don't hit anything their..to Saint Mickels and buy a ticket for Dawson or Jeaneo and winter whear I can work for good wages.I guess Elmos went to the Tanual strike..."

1900 - 18 Aug - Mort in Nome City to "Dear M. P. (Ma/Pa?) and Lucy":

"...glad to hear from you all....sory the little cow died...I have just come in from a fine trip there was four in our party a joly croud we went all over the country we had a fine big boat that costed us \$8. We will haft to leave it on the beach...I am going to St Michels in a few days...Doant worry about Small Pox as I have not heard of it in here...everybody that eats with me brags on the apples...I am wrighting on my nee..."

1900 - 10 Oct - Mort in Dawson to Mama & Papa:

"Well I found Elmos the othor day he had just arived....We took a walk last Sunday and he almost walked me to death as he was youst to walking and I was not. He diddent know me when he saw me until I spoke to him then he knew me... We will have a fine time this winter..."

1900 - 16 Dec - Mort in Dawson to "Dear Mama":

"We received your letters. I was glad you new we were togeather. I have a fine place to work with a lady cook and she is a dandy to make fruit. Elmes is thinking of going in on a lay on 37 Bonanza. If he dos not he will work with me. Elmos is feeling fine and looks well but I can work him out with the boxing gloves....Don't worry about us for we are all wright....Good buy, Mort"

1900 - 16 Dec - Mort in Dawson to George (his brother) and Grace:

"Well I have bin travling for the last 7 months and all I have made is my expences but I have stoped runing around now and am working for wages that is the shurest way for a man to make a stake in this country....tell the boys if they were up here I would role them in the snow..."

1901 - 27 Jul - Mort in Dawson City to Mama and Papa:

"...glad you are getting along so well with the work and had such a crop of hay. I think you had better trade the mules and colts off for milch cows then you can make some Money off of your hay and grass. I hope you have as good a crop of fruit and grapes....Willie I think your honney propisition would be a compleat failur as we dont indulg in such luxeries as huney in this country. send this letter to the Yolo people and it will save me writting so much you know how I hate to write. Good buy, Mort Zane."

1901 - 23 Sep - Mort in Dawson to his mother:

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"We have decided to stay in here another winter and then come home for good....I have saved up \$1000 working for wages. You see I lost lots of time running around prospecting or I would have had twice that much by this time. We are both well and I am glad winter is so near as I enjoy sleighing so much...Wasent it something terifly about McKinley's death. They are awfully excited about it up here. I saw one of the S.R. papers and it had our names in it and I dont like it so dont be teling things not wright. Just tell people we are getting along fine. Tell Lucy not to think of paying my dewes in the lodge."

1902 - 4 Jan - Mort in Dawson to his mother:

"We received your letter with Rubie Boxes letter and was glad everybody is doing so well. ...I think Papa got a good price for the Anteo horse you could buy one like him in here for \$40 now but in the spring you would haft to pay \$400 for him hay and oats are worth 10 cents a pound in here but groceries are as cheap as they are at Charles Poppes...I go to church every sunday evening and to the theatre of a saturday night and to the skating rink every once in a while so you see I have a pretty good time if we do live in the far north. This time next year I will be going to school in San Francisco and coming home every saturday evening..."

1903? - Year not given, but postmark appears to be 1903 when letter forwarded from Santa Rosa apparently by Willie. Mort wrote it from St Michels 23 Aug to Willie, his brother: "...arived last night...start for Dawson in the morning...the grass is nee high and lots of horses and mules running all over...Tell Neil and Georg that the little indian boys ride ReinDeer instead of horses up here. I never felt better in my life...my next PO will be Dawson."

(Same date, same place to his mother): "My boat sails for Dawson in about 20 minutes...There is about 200 on board..all mankind passangers and 150 dogs an awful racket howling and barking so you see we will have a lively time..."

1920 - He lived in Ceres, CA in June 1920.

1936 - Obituary from SACRAMENTO BEE newspaper, 21 Feb 1936, sent to Aunt Ora (BOX) MATZEN from her brother Reuben BOX, Stirling City, CA 23 Feb 1936:

"RITES ARE ARRANGED FOR J. M. ZANE, DAVIS

"DAVIS (Yolo Co.) Feb. 21 - Funeral services will be held in the Kraft Brothers Chapel in Woodland at 11 A.M. Monday for J. M. Zane, 95,

(NOTE: Uncle Reuben commented in his letter that he saw another account of Mort Zane's death wherein it said he was 59 years old and he guessed 'the Bee got it twisted.' I agree, because if he were 95 he would have been born 18 yrs before his parents were married in 1859! - if he was 59 when he died he was born in 1876 or 1877.)

a Davis district farmer, who died in a Woodland hospital last night. He had been ill from pneumonia. Zane was a native of Sonoma County. He spent fifteen years in Alaska during the gold rush era and later returned to this district and settled on a farm, where he since made his home...

"He was unmarried. He leaves a brother, W. A. Zane of Ceres, and a sister, Lucy R. Zane of Glenellen (sic). He also leaves the following nephews: George Zane of Woodland, the Yolo County probation officer; Neil Zane of Knights Landing, and Allan Willis And Roger Zane of Ceres. The Athens Masonic Lodge of Davis will have charge of the funeral services, assisted by the Rev. Irvin Williams of the Davis Community Church. The body will be cremated."

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Notes for Sarah Jane ("Jin") BOX-11

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1842 - Sarah Jane "Jin" BOX b 14 Apr 1842, Chickasaw Co, MS
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE 15 Dec 1859, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 10 Sep 1916, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur 12 Sep 1916, Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

PLEASE see LOS TULARES article at end of these Notes

1851 - May to Sep - travelled from near Austin, TX across Mexico to Mazatlan, and by barque to San Francisco. (see Reuben Franklin BOX Notes for Trip Diary)

1854 - 7 Jul - Per Jane Guthrie Muller's GRANDMA JIN essay (1972) "Her father Reuben Franklin Box, died... in 1854... Sarah Jane was twelve and the oldest boy, Samuel, was fifteen. What hardships must the family have had then? Probably the older children worked enough to help support them, and perhaps her mother began then to take boarders, for she and Aunt Fannie Johnson had a boarding house when Aunt Fanny went to Santa Rosa to go to school in 1875. ...Grandma Jin said that her father wanted his children to go to school, and she had a better than average education. Pop always spoke proudly of the fact she had gone to a ladies' seminary. Then, when she was seventeen, she married Washington Guthrie, a handsome blacksmith who loved race horses and good hound dogs..."

1859 - Married Washington GUTHRIE at the "old Box home in Sonoma Co"
 Following is the text of the certified copy of the wedding certificate which I obtained from the Sonoma County Recorder's Office 21 Nov 1989:
 "This is to certify that I did on the 15th day of December A. D. 1859 join in Marriage Washington Guthrie a Native of the United States and now a Resident of Sonoma County California and aged 29 years. and Ida June (sic) Box a Native of the United States and now a resident of Sonoma County California and aged 18 years. D. D. Meyers. Justice of the Peace. "Filed for Record January 11th 1860 at 2 oclock P.M. at request of D. D. Meyers and Recorded January 14th 1860 at 9 oclock and 45 minutes A.M. Thomas H Pyatt, Recorder of Sonoma County."

1861 - Fannie Fairvilla b 16 Jan, 4th St near E St, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 1862 - Clara Jane b 14 Apr, on Hagen place near " " " " "
 1864 - Laura Elizabeth "Lala" b 8 Feb " " " " "
 1866 - John Franklin b 5 Mar " " " " "
 1868 - William Henry b 12 April on "the Dutchman's place," Sonoma Co, CA

1872 - 13 Oct - Wash was shot and killed by Sarah's brother, Sam BOX.
 (NOTE: See Sam BOX Notes for complete story)

(NOTE: Most of the following is from Jane Guthrie Muller's history of
 THE GUTHRIE FAMILY)

7 Nov - "After her husband's death, Grandma Jin decided to move to the San Joaquin Valley which one of her brothers remembered as a paradise when he had ridden through there one beautiful springtime of a wet year, with 'grass up to the stirrups' and lovely wildflowers. Accompanied by her two young brothers, Joe...and Al...she left with her five children...and John Gibson. "According to Aunt Fannie, 'We left the Guerne's Ranch, on Sonoma Creek between the old Zane Ranch and Glen Ellen, on November 7, 1872. I rode my Grandmother Guthrie's old two-horned side-saddle on a horse called Old Selim nearly all the way to Tulare County. I wore a brown and white and black striped wool dress which Dora Cole had worn out and given me. My hair was sort of a long bob and hung about the back of my neck. A sort of round comb held my hair back off my face. My hair was dark brown, a little reddish in the sunshine."

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My hair was wavy. I rode horseback to help Uncle Jo and Uncle Al drive horses. John Gibson drove the four-horse wagon for Ma. The other children rode on the wagon. Once in a while Clara would change off with me but not very often. (NOTE: They came on the Old Stage Coach Road to Fountain Springs with the intent of going to Bakersfield to settle. However, because of a cholera outbreak in Bakersfield, they settled on the way to Hot Springs near White River, and on 1 Dec moved into the Double Log Cabin near White River.)

"We stopped out in Jeff James's pasture a few days to rest the horses, and Uncle Jo hunted wild geese. We stayed a few days at the Telegraph Crossing on White River and a few days at the Jeff Mayfield's sheep camp at the old Rogers place on Coho. On December 1 we moved up to the old Double Log Cabin, where we stayed until April (near the Galley Mountain or Shelby Pepper Cemetery)

"The old Double Log Cabin had one room with a floor. There was a fireplace and one window. There were two beds in the room with the floor. We boarded up the space between the two cabins and we had our cook stove, table and some chairs in there. The men slept in the cabin with the dirt floor. The two beds went end to end across the width of the cabin. The old clothes press stood in the room where Ma and we girls slept. John sometimes slept with one of the uncles in the men's cabin... "Ma was very lonesome there. She used to take us out and sit on the side of Galley Mountain. We carried water about fifty yards from a spring." When they settled at the Double Log Cabin December 1, 1872, the following people were neighbors: Shelby Peppers and his squaw and their children, Jack Parker, James Parker, Mike Pursell, Old Man Lewis (who lived in upper end of Zalud's field), the Slinkards, and 'Coon' McNulty.

"Their first Christmas in the double log cabin was just with stockings hung up. Ma had bought a few things on the way down here. She had bought me a beautiful cup and saucer, but Cousin Ackland Middleton came down and was with us at Christmas time. She did not have any present for her son, Walt Middleton, and Ma begged that cup and saucer away from me. Cousin Ackland gave Ma a piece of an old white bead collar for the cup, and that was all I had for Christmas...

"Uncle Reuben (Reuben Franklin Box, Jr), then nineteen, came in the spring of 1873, and in April they moved from the Double Log Cabin into the Old Spread Eagle, near where the Guthrie house now stands. 'We lived in the Spread Eagle until the following fall. Uncle Jo was getting ready to build the house so he made us a temporary cabin of one room about ten by twelve. He did not want to cut the boards, so he took long boards for the roof. They projected down on either side making shelter for beds for Ma and us children on one side and for the men at the other side. Three children slept with Ma. John slept at the foot and Laura and Will slept beside Ma. Clara and I slept together. Laura was so whiney Cad and I would have kicked her out.'... "When Grandma Jin homesteaded, she moved to the land where old Jake Kotchever had had his sheep camp, and he told her he hoped the snakes would bite every one of her children! She put in a garden and watered it from the old spring which ran a little stream of water. Uncle Jo dammed up Chilaney under the willows and got a hole of water which he ditched around to the big rock pile where the yellow rose was so long. Aunt Dot said Grandma Jin brought back the rose from the Guthrie house in Santa Rosa, where her mother-in-law Fairvilla had lived, although the Box relatives always resented any friendly feeling toward the Guthries in Santa Rosa.

"In the spring of 1873 Uncle Jo bought nine cows and calves from Bentley; his brand, JO, he had brought from Sonoma County. He made stockade corrals and brush or rail fences around the grain field; he purchased his first pigs about the fall of 1873 or later.

"In the fall John Gibson, Uncle Jo and Uncle Reub built the old house. Uncle Charley White (married to Grandma Jin's sister, Betty), an expert carpenter, came down from Santa Rosa to White River and walked up to the old place and took them all by surprise in time to help hang the windows and finish the house.

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"To celebrate they gave a dance, with Charley Uhl furnishing the music. Aunt Fannie wrote, 'The first time I ever saw Ed Uhl was when we gave a dance in our new house in November 1873. He had not been there long. He was staying with his father. Ed was a handsome man. I taught him to dance. "'When we first came, there was no place to go to school. I read a great deal that winter. Aunt Betty used to send us magazines. In the fall of '73 I stayed with Annie Caldwell and went to school at the old Wicker school in Lynn's Valley. In '74 and '75 I stayed with Mrs Biggs in White River and went to school. The teacher there was Mary Anna Dubrutz. Kitty Dubrutz, the three older Mitchell boys, Ellen and Cal Slinkard, the Biggs children and a dozen others were in the school. Uncle Jo and Ma wanted us to go to school. Uncle Jo had a lot to do with buying that school in White River. After we moved up to the old home, we had a subscription school at the old Rogers place. The first school teacher was Mary Butler. The school lasted about three months. We bought books. She boarded at Will Parker's, who was a brother of Jack Parker, who lived at the Armstrong place after Mike Pursell moved away. "Uncle Sam first came in the fall of 1873. Old Bald Hornet, a strawberry roan was his horse. When he came again, in 1875, Grandma Box came with him to visit and they took Fannie back with them to go to school in Santa Rosa...

"Fannie returned home in October '76: 'I took a stage from Goshen to Visalia & on to Porterville, so I think Goshen was the terminal of the railroad. I went to school to Bill Loyd, at the old Double Log Cabin, in '77 and '78. My first beau was Jim Pepper, and I went with Bob, Keech and Ed Uhl. We nearly always went horseback. The boys would bring an extra horse and put my saddle on it. "'Ma had a better education than the school teachers who came up there, but she never taught. Ma had 'waited on' a few women in Glen Ellen before she went to Tulare County, so she did a great deal of nursing from the time she first got here. ...(and from Jane's essay GRANDMA JIN, written for John in 1972: "...and during the rest of her life here she delivered most of the babies in the neighborhood for miles around. Sometimes she received money [Aunt Fanny said she earned twenty dollars a case], but often she was paid with whatever they had to spare. Mom tells the story of Old Man Gilliam who came for her just about every year to deliver a baby and would explain that he couldn't pay her just then but he'd 'roll the stones from her path!' If there was no relative to help take care of the mother and baby and other children she'd manage the whole household, doing all the work and often sleeping on the floor or with the children. ... Pop used to say she was a natural nurse and had such strong, comforting hands--her rubbing hands, she called them. She took care of her own family when they were sick, of course, and later delivered her grandchildren. Fanny married Bob McCabe, and when Nellie was a baby, they were staying there with Grandma Jin... Clara married Ed Uhl, and their first born were twins, Bertie and Gertie, such an overwhelming event that they just stayed on so that Grandma Jin could help take care of them....)..."Grandma Jin's brothers continued to help her. Uncle Reub stayed home in the winter and broke horses, which he sold in Nevada in the summer. He secured horses cheaply in Sonoma County because many vineyards were being planted. Aunt Fannie remembered, 'Uncle Jo got one hundred head of cattle from Old Man Hubbs down on Tule River for \$500. Some got away and went back where they were shot by ranchers who had unfenced grain fields. There was a 'no fence' law which made people take care of stock..."One time when Grandma Jin was visiting in Sonoma County, she brought back the beginnings of the fig tree. When she was ready to start home, she told Uncle Sam she needed a switch and he cut one the right length from the fig tree in his yard. She used it all the way home and then stuck it into the ground near the spring, where it grew and grew, the branches which bent down to the ground taking root again and forming more big trunks, but the main trunk growing to

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enormous size. In later years her great-grandchildren played in the fig tree, with favorite branches named 'Big Steepy,' 'Little Steepy' and 'Old Slanty.'"

Undated "Recipe for the Liver I - Wormwood - Get about four oz of wormwood, (5 cents an oz) and Alovus Barbadoes, 10 cents worth. Prepare by putting 1 oz of wormwood and 2 teaspoonfuls of Alovus in a pint of water and boil 20 minutes. Dose, from 1 to 3 tablespoonsfuls after each meal. Jinny"

Back of paper has "Mrs S J Guthrie, Santa Rosa, Cal." in beautiful script.

1884-85 - from Jane Guthrie Muller's GRANDMA JIN essay (1972):

"In December 1884 John married Mary Ellen White and brought her to live in Grandma Jin's house. By then he was working in the Bald Mountain mine and earning enough to support his family, including assorted relatives. The following September Mary rode over to visit her sister Etta (widow of Reuben Franklin Box Jr and pregnant with her own first child) at the Oldfield place, helped chase the milk calf back into the corral and began to have pains. Grandma Jin had time to get there and deliver Charles Lester and keep him alive because he was premature and weighed less than three pounds. For him she was always the loved one, the refuge. While Mary was busy with cooking and sewing and caring for the babies, Grandma Jin took care of the older children. They followed her down to her garden and helped her hoe or sat down by the 'plunk hole', so named for the sound made by the small rocks they threw into the water. She talked to them and told them stories and took care of their stubbed toes and splinters and scratches..."

1891 - from Jane Guthrie Muller's GRANDMA JIN essay: "...When Pop (Less) only six years old, found Old Holmes hanging from a rafter in his cabin and galloped home in terror, he went running upstairs to Grandma Jin 'and slept with her for about a week!' Whenever he told the story, we knew that the awful fright got better when he got to her. Then he'd tell about her bible that she kept in her trunk in her bedroom and that he often found her reading..." Pop remembered the mornings she'd start down the stairs...shouting to awaken the grandchildren, 'Waffles, whoop!' Then she'd make the waffles which the children considered a great treat, even though she really wasn't a good cook nor did she care, apparently--she'd say she'd just gawn up something. But they loved her all the more for her careless concoctions and laughed because she 'wasn't particular' when she washed dishes. Uncle Fred, who was particular, would slyly rub his plate to get it cleaner, a fastidious habit which amused her..."

(NOTE: See Charles Lester GUTHRIE Notes for more on Grandma Jin)

1901 - Excerpts from 6 Feb 1901 letter from Sarah to her grandson Less, evidently written shortly after the death of Al Box. She had cared for him in Bakersfield, and evidently contracted the same illness that proved fatal for him. The illness is not named, but she begins her letter with a description of the treatment: "Dear old sweet Less...I am at home and nearly well. My Doctor put me on diet (that is no meat nor tomatoes, game, cheese) and a dose of the awfulest nasty medicine every morning before breakfast. I cough a little all the time but am improving so fast. I sleep good and can help wash the dishes. I had a fine doctor that has lately come to Bakersfield and is curing those who take that dreaded disease. I think I am going to get strong (my doctor bill was \$30) and John says it is all right he believes I am going to get over all my ailments...Bean Doby has learned to say another word, he is learning to talk very fast. He can say shit now, so Mary and John think he is all right. "...and we have 13 turkey eggs. Fred and I are strictly in it. Your Aunt Laura is making money, clearing over \$50 per mo...Your Aunt Clara was to see me yesterday, all well but Bert. She has the measles."

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..."Lester, it was hard to give up poor Al, but everything was done that human hands could. God claims his own at all seasons and I try to be reconciled and poor Burr everybody that was at his burial says it was the sadest they ever saw...There is one thing sure we all have to go sooner or later. The young may die but the old must die so we should live right and try to be prepared to meet our loved ones with Jesus in that unknown heaven where we will have no more sorrow. ..."Less, you hit your books hard. ...Ever your loving Grandma"

1901 - 21 Mar - another letter from Sarah to Less:

"Dear Lester...I was glad to get yours of the 19. You are all right. We are perfectly satisfied with your improvement and proud you can fill the place you do. You have many friends or you would not be there. It is true we are sick to see our big boy but we will get well again. Just think how well we are all doing, your Aunt Laura came to see us with a hundred and seventy dollars. She is going to put it in the Bank and go back and make more. Your Papa has rented his outside range for ninty dollars. I have twenty \$ so you see we have money, and we have seventeen cows up (selling butter). Fred and I have hatched 7 young turkeys. ..."Mag and Lucy (Box) are here on a visit. Their Papa (Jo Box) will come for them in a few days. Your Uncle Jo is as well as common. John and Mary went to see him last Saturday. Found him working in his garden. Fannie (Guthrie McCabe) and her children are all well. Jim (McCabe) is entirely well and is working. I wish you would write to him... Less, we think you ought to be vaccinate. All we mind is your having to stay out of school. Bert Uhl was just sick when she was vacinated. "...I am going to send you some stamp money. And Lester if you go to the City can't you go see Bert...(She mentions young people courting) ...Virido and Rose Hich.(Verdo Alonzo Caldwell and Rose Jane Hitchcock who were married 28 Aug 1901)....Shade is very attentive trying to shade Nellie (Shade Braly and Nellie McCabe married in 1904) Susie (McCabe) is going to help Laura run the Boarding house..."Now Lester I want you to be sure and write a letter to your Papa and, write plain and large letters so he can read your letters for neither John or I can read such small letters. Try and make your letters a little larger, now don't you care when Grandma tells you anything. ..."Old Tilly has a mule colt this morning. John is as mad as a wet hen because it was not Warsign. Less be strong, be good, be pretty and big hearted. Your mama is all right and is so proud of you. ..."Well, I will tell you about Fred he is improving well in his music and all the children are doing well. I try not to be blue but O Less how can I do without seeing you 3 months longer. My health is good and I work late.Ever your loving Gram"

1904 or 07 - letter from Sarah Jane to her daughter, Laura (Guthrie) Uhl:

"Kenwood, Nov 10, 1904 (or 7?)"Dear Laura, Yours of the 8 is at hand, found me nearly well. I know I am billious yet but have been taking a lot of medicine. You know your uncle Charley is a medicine man and I am here now with these dear children. Laura, you can't help loving them, for they are good and so kind to poor old Pa. Allie (White Wilson) is getting ready to be married. It is to be very quiet. No dinner. Just go to church and get married and go to Los Angeles for a few days.

"Laura, if I don't improve on this treatment I will go to a Doctor and a good one and see if he can do anything. Your Aunt Ad (ZANE) has not Christian-scienced (sic) on me at all. My cough is better but my throat is tight. I will take your advice and try to get well so as to enjoy myself when Will (her son) comes home. I am looking for Sam (BOX) and hope he will come for I have given out trying to go to Hyampom at this time of year. If he don't come I will go to see him next summer. I have written to him that I am not able to now.

"Laura, what are you trying to sew for others. You don't have to work so hard. You have enough to do for yourself. Laura, for pity sake, don't try to help

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take care of any of those sickies and neglect Mag and Lucy and yourself. When I was sick I had cramp, vomiting and a chill and kidney trouble. I guess I will miss seeing Less. He has not written to me. I think he don't love his Granma like he used to, but I love Less all the same. I am glad you are going to send Will a box of apples. You know how to work him in the right place.

"I got a letter from Fannie (her daughter, Fannie Guthrie McCABE) today. I know Susie must have had a terrible time with her ear. She wrote that Nellie (McCabe BRALY) and Shade were going to be surprised. I will be home by the first of next month if I can get well. Maybe I will get the benefit after all.

"Kiss Mag (BOX) for me and tell her to write Jin (herself) a letter.

"My dearest love to you all. Did you get my postal. As ever, your mother."

1910-11? - Excerpt from Jane Guthrie Muller's GRANDMA JIN essay: "Mom (Flo Manter Guthrie) remembers being with Grandma Jin not long after she and Pop (Charles Lester Guthrie) were married...(they) were all sitting around the table eating and having fun when Old Sally Hitchcock rode up on her horse and asked to talk to Grandma Jin outside alone. When she came back, she just said she had to go take care of somebody who was sick and asked one of the boys to get her horse. They were curious, of course, and kept asking her who was sick until finally she said, 'Well, dammit, Cora's having a baby.' So off she rode with Sally and delivered the baby in good order, although Cora's husband hadn't been around for more than nine months and Sally hoped for secrecy, apparently. "Both Pop and Mom chuckled over the fact that she liked to 'dip snuff,' and your (John's) own memory of her is connected with the twigs she had you and Helen chew for her to use in the dipping. It must have given her great pleasure to know her first great-grandchild was Less's son and was named John.."

1915 - 11 June interview for the Porterville Daily Recorder ends:

--"ACTIVE AT 74"-- ... "Mrs Guthrie, now in her seventy-fourth year, has not only raised her own five children to maturity, but has fifteen grand-children and one great- grandchild, all of whom love her dearly, as do many others who speak of her with all fondness as 'Grandma Guthrie.' She is still a very active woman, and during the school year just closed, she kept house for her grandsons, Robert and Everett, who were attending the Porterville High School. She has just returned with them to the Guthrie ranch at White River, which has been her home for forty-three years. "Her oldest son, John Guthrie, well-known cattleman of that district, has been in charge of the ranch for a number of years, and with him and family Mrs Guthrie makes her home when not visiting with some of her other children, who are Mrs Fanny Dent and Mrs E A Uhl of this city, Miss Laura Guthrie of Los Angeles and Will Guthrie, who lives near Delano. The great-grandchild of whom she speaks with such evident pride is Master John Hiram Guthrie, son of Mr and Mrs Lester Guthrie of the White River District."

1916 - 16 May postcard from Ora BOX in Porterville to Reuben BOX in Trinity Center: "Dear Bro, Papa (Sam BOX) got here last night. We sent him out to visit a little here as we will go home soon as Nick comes. Dr. Pickett gave papa some salve was all he would do. We are at Aunt Jane's. Papa stood the trip fine, but seems awfully discouraged. All well. Ora."

1916 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook Obituary from Porterville 11 Sep 1916: "MRS S J GUTHRIE DIES OF APOPLEXY ON PORCH AT DENT HOME "Pioneer Woman Expires Suddenly At Daughter's Home - Leaves Many Relatives. ... "Mrs S J Guthrie of White River, mother of Mrs E A Uhl, Fannie Dent and Miss Laura Guthrie, one of the pioneer residents of this district, passed away last evening at about 8:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs Dent, on Morton street, her death, due to apoplexy, occurring as she sat alone on the porch following the

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departure of her granddaughters, the Misses Bertha and Cynthia Uhl and Margaret Box, who had spent the evening with her. ... "Mrs Guthrie, who made her home with her son, John Guthrie, at White River, arrived in the city Friday afternoon for a visit with her daughters, and had seemed in her usual good health and to have thoroughly recovered from an illness about two weeks ago, thought that time to have been acute indigestion, but now considered a light attack of that which caused her death. She seemed unusually bright and active yesterday and in less than half an hour before her death had walked to the second story of the Dent home..." Following the departure of her granddaughters she had gone inside for a short time and had returned again to the porch. Mrs Dent and son, Jim McCabe, were just inside the living room near the opened windows. Hearing a noise as of someone falling they rushed outside to find Mrs Guthrie limp upon the ground and apparently dead. Dr Miller was summoned immediately and he said that death had evidently occurred suddenly as she sat on the porch, and life becoming extinct had caused the body to fall to the floor and thence to the ground. --Funeral Tuesday-- ... "The funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church... The internment will be in the Home of Peace Cemetery, J C McCabe being in charge. ... "Besides her three daughters, Mrs Guthrie leaves two sons, John Guthrie, with whom she made her home at White River, and Will Guthrie, her youngest son, who resides at Bakersfield. A brother, S P Box, resides in Trinity county and a sister, Mrs Fannie Johnson, resides at Santa Rosa. Besides these relatives Mrs Guthrie is survived by fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs Chas. Macy and Miss Katherine McCabe, granddaughters, are expected to arrive this evening from Los Angeles to attend the funeral. --Was Still Active-- ... "Mrs Guthrie was 74 years of age on April 14, and for the past several years had celebrated her birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs Uhl, by entertaining a number of her pioneer friends and elderly women of this community. She was looking forward with anticipation to the next occasion of this nature, and not later than yesterday had made reference to same. She was quite active for one of her age, and last year kept house for two of her grandsons, the Guthrie boys of White River, who attended the Porterville high school. ... "Mrs Guthrie, whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Box, was born near Greensborough, Miss. In 1850 she came to California with her parents and seven other children, making the trip overland by team through Mexico, where they experienced several thrilling incidents with bandits and Indians. From Mazatlan they traveled by boat to San Francisco, and when their boat got into a "calm" and drifted for about two weeks, the entire party came near perishing from hunger. She was married in 1859 to Washington Guthrie, who passed away 44 years ago. In 1872, which marked the death of her husband, she came with her children to Tulare county and homesteaded a ranch near White River, where she has resided ever since. ... "'Grandma' Guthrie, as she was familiarly called by many, was a woman of generous heart and many other kindly qualities and was loved by all who knew her. To her and the many other brave pioneer mothers like her, this generation is greatly indebted.

Clipping from Porterville paper Tuesday, 12 Sep 1916:

"MRS. GUTHRIE'S FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON "Funeral services for the late Mrs. S. J. Guthrie were held this afternoon in the Methodist church, Rev. Mott Mitchell and Rev. L. A. Wood conducting the service. A quartet composed of Mrs. C. E. Bigham, Mrs. F. E. Bearss, J. A. McKelvey and Rev. Mott Mitchell sang and Mrs. C. E. Bigham rendered a solo. There were many beautiful floral offerings, and a large number of friends of Mrs. Guthrie came from the White River country to be present at the funeral. ... "Arrangements for the funeral were in charge of J. C. McCabe. The pall bearers were: Frank Moody, H. Lanter, Alma Hall, Will Parker Mike Mitchell and Ed Isham."

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1936 - Excerpts from Less Guthrie's speech on Pioneer Day, Tulare County Fair: "...My grandfather, Washington Guthrie, came to Sonoma County from Kentucky in 1848 with race horses, fox hounds, and game chickens to play with these native Californians. Immediately after the Civil War an uncle of mine returned to Mississippi from Sonoma County there to try and gather together the remnants of a fortune torn asunder by that conflict. He traveled by stage coach. Many of you remember how that old stage route skirted the foothills of this valley so that wood and water would be available for the stations. He evidently passed thru this county during the springtime following a good year because the tales he brought back to Sonoma County respecting the productiveness and beauty of the 'Valley of the Tules' made a deep and lasting impression upon my people "In 1872 tragedy entered our home;; my grandfather was murdered. To get away " from memories, my grandmother came to Tulare County...that year. She was a young woman...with five orphaned children, penniless, and a 22 year old brother her sole means of support. ..."To me my grandmother is emblematic of all that was good, noble, and courageous in the pioneer. She was a practical nurse and devoted her life to the service of others. Just prior to her death some 20 years ago she could recall 2200 babies she had spanked into consciousness and dressed in their swaddling clothes. When she was 72 years old, she got on a horse at night rode three miles to be at the bedside of a halfbreed Indian woman in the throes of childbirth. She slept on straw ticks, ate water gravy and water biscuits, drank black coffee when she was fortunate enough to get it-- was a mother to broods of strange little children and was an angel of mercy to the bravest and noblest of all creatures, the pioneer mother, when that woman went down to the very edge of the Valley of the Shadow that you might live. ..."



Sarah Jane - left, about the time (1859) of her marriage; right, much later (date Unknown) in a very stylish dress

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"Grandma Gin" Guthrie, first of the family to settle in Tulare County.

Picture by courtesy of Mrs. John Guthrie

THE GUTHRIE FAMILY COMES TO TAILHOLT

Just as this issue was about to go to the printer, Mr. John H. Guthrie, who has been a member of our Society for many years, passed away very suddenly. Mr. Guthrie was president of the California Cattlemen's Association and had many civic interests. The family still owns the original ranch near White River which was homesteaded a century ago.

One of the honored names in the cattle business of southeast Tulare County is Guthrie. The first Guthries settled in the Tailholt (White River) area in late 1872. They have been prominent ever since.

On June 11, 1915, the Porterville Recorder had a story written by Martha Louise Baker following an interview with Mrs. Sarah Jane Guthrie, the pioneer settler. We are reprinting most of this article. In reading it, remember that it was written in 1915. Also the reporter quotes "Mrs. Guthrie" when she is speaking of the trip from Texas to California as a young girl.

The article in the Recorder:

Mrs. Guthrie, whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Box, is one of eight children, four boys and four girls. Her father, R. F. Box, was the owner of a large cotton plantation near Greensborough, Miss., at which place Mrs. Guthrie was born April 14, 1842. Her mother was a native of that state, but her father was a native of Alabama. Early in life he acquired a medical education, but never formally entered upon the practice of that profession, but this knowledge proved quite a convenience and help in the rearing of his large family.

With the welfare of his family always at heart, and feeling "Los Tulares" is not copyrighted. Use of material in the Bulletin is invited. Mention of the source will be appreciated.

there would be opportunities that would more than offset hardships of life on the frontier, he moved his family in 1842 to Texas, then in its infancy as a state. Settling near Austin father engaged in the cattle business, then the chief business of the entire state. At one time he was in charge of the government wagon train in operation between Houston and Galveston.

But the climate of that locality did not agree with the family and it appeared a change of climate was the thing most needed. A schoolmate and friend of her father living in California had written back such wonderful and awe-inspiring letters about the glories and wonders of the state, just such letters as the Californian of today writes to tempt his eastern friends — that fruit and vegetables grew to such size that even one onion would furnish an entire meal for a good sized family — this and other stories similar, was the cause of the whole family becoming infected with the "California fever".

Selling his cattle, 800 in number, at \$4 per head, which was the average price paid for Texas cattle in those days, Mr. Guthrie started for California on the first of June, 1850, with his wife and eight children, the oldest 16 years and the youngest 3 months of age. Accompanying them were nine men from the same locality. A large and comfortable carriage drawn by mules was provided for the family, and two wagons also drawn by mules, conveyed the luggage and remainder of the party.

Traveling south the party crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico where a permit had to be secured before being allowed to travel through that country. The first stop of any length was at Durango in northern Mexico. "That was such a nice clean city we stayed there three weeks," said Mrs. Guthrie. The citizens endeavored to induce them to remain there, by offering them money, and a well-to-do Spanish man wanted to adopt one of Mrs. Guthrie's brothers, promising to educate and deed him much property. Fearing of having some of her children kidnapped, the mother insisted that a close watch was kept over them. Her father being a Mexican and his wife were invited to a big Masonic entertainment. They enjoyed the novel experience of having refreshments served to them as they, with the rest of the guests, sat on mats on the floor.

Learning at this place that they could not cross the mountains except by a pack train, the carriage and wagons had to be left behind. Burros were secured for the children to ride, and adult members of the party rode the mules. All superfluous baggage had to be dispensed with, and Mrs. Guthrie tells of a pathetic little incident in connection with this proceeding, the burial of a doll belonging to her sister and greatly loved by the children. "Father said we would not have room for 'Miss Jane.' So we had a regular funeral for her, and buried her at the edge of the mountains."

The trip over the mountains was a most hazardous one, only were the trails narrow and steep, but the party had been warned that there were bandits in the mountains. The trouble encountered was not from bandits, however, but was a thrilling experience nevertheless. The party had just made camp for the night at rather a late hour, and had a fire built to prepare their supper. Just as such preparations were well under way a rain of bullets began falling throughout the camp and great excitement prevailed for a time and wonder as to the exact nature of the enemies thus attacking them from the mountainsides.

The Mexican guides and the one peon accompanying the party the first to surmise their foes were not the Comanche Indians had been on the warpath against the Mexicans, but rather Mexicans who had judged the party to be Indians because of campfire. Mrs. Guthrie's father sent the peon up through a continued shower of bullets to explain that the party was of "Americans" on their way to California. Immediately the fire ceased and the leaders of the gang came down to the camp apologized with all humility for their mistaken actions.

"While we were never actually attacked by bandits," said Mrs. Guthrie, "we never felt entirely safe from same until well on into the mountains." She tells, however, of two occasions when they were badly frightened, the first being when her father

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had fallen some distance behind the rest of the party to the illness of one of the small children. Her father gave the signal given by one bandit to his accomplice, as they habit to swoop down upon the sighted victim. Having been warned about this bit of signal service, her father could raise and aim his gun at supposed objects on first one and then the other side of the trail. He dared not shoot, as contained only the single load, but the bluff served its end and by hurrying their mounts they were soon with the rest of the party, rejoicing at their escape yet badly frightened as their father carried a large amount of gold on his person.

Whether experience that added to their discomfort and unsteady mind was when they came to a spot at the side of the river where there was a new grave, with one foot of the corpse rising from the ground. "Our Mexican guides became much excited and talked with excited voices and with many gesticulations," said Mrs. Guthrie. This grave, evidently so arranged by bandits as a solemn warning, proved truly such for the little party who hurried on with all the speed possible to their mules until the valley was reached.

Arriving at Mazatlan, a seaport on the Pacific, the party rested here ten days resting up and waiting for a steamer. Mrs. Guthrie's father proved "a friend in need" to the captain of a ship that then in prison in that city for some offense committed in remuneration for "fine" paid for him by Mr. Guthrie, and he family passage to San Francisco. With the exception of sickness with which the whole family was afflicted during part of the voyage, all went well until about half way to the port. "The vessel got into a 'calm', and we just drifted for about two weeks. Fortunately we had enough fresh food, but provisions ran low and passengers as well as we put on rations."

Imagine yourself on a small sailing boat out of sight of land drifting, with no passing vessel to be sighted, with only a handful of pink beans twice a day as nourishment with a loaf of bread on Sunday, with nothing to break the monotony but the occasional appearance of a whale in the vicinity of the boat which only added horror and suspense to the little party. Then you will have realized in a small way something of hardships and privations which all too often befell those early pioneers who were willing to face anything, even death, in order to reach our great state. Their courage and heroism has been our inspiration.

Finally this season of great suspense and anxiety was broken by efficient breezes arose to take them into the "Golden State". All aboard were weak and famished for lack of food. They went ashore immediately and procured a large basket of supplies," said Mrs. Guthrie, "but fearful of our overeating he is children a mouthful at a time, going the rounds of the table. It seemed hours to each before his turn would arrive, as we were so very hungry."

Transferring to another and better boat, the family were sent to Napa on the evening of the same day, which was in the latter part of October. Here the family resided for a year, the father securing temporary employment while looking up a more permanent location for the family. Later the family moved to a place which city was made famous by the raising of the "Bear Brand".

Mr. Guthrie had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the old southern lady, Mrs. Hadley by name, who helped him to get the flag and furnished her red flannel petticoat to make the flag for the flag. Mrs. Guthrie's father was a deputy and county assessor, after which he took up ranching as a hobby. Grain and most everything grew abundantly in those days, especially so after the high water of 1852. The streams at that time were filled with the finest of salmon, some of which were three feet long and could not be gotten out except with a gig. There were bears, the real old grizzlies, as well as panthers which frequently terrorize the neighborhood. She tells of seeing one of the latter that was slain near her home that measured five feet from tip to tip.

"Although there were none but subscription schools in those days," she sent every one of us to school," said Mrs. Guthrie. She remarked also that the teacher required each pupil to recite aloud, as the surest method of knowing whether the pupils were really studying or idling away their time. The more the pupils were pleasing to the teacher, but it must have been disconcerting to the pupils.

Coming to California principally for the health of his family, the father was the first to pass away, his death resulting from pneumonia on July 16, 1854. The mother survived until 1893. In 1859 Sarah Jane Box was married to Washington Guthrie, of Kentucky, who had come out to this state with his

father in '49 and located in Calaveras county, the center of the gold excitement at that time. Both he and his father were expert blacksmiths, and he continued to follow that trade after his marriage. After a residence of several years in Santa Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie moved on to a ranch, most of which was in orchard and vineyard. "Fruits of all kinds grew splendidly in that locality," said Mrs. Guthrie. In October of 1872 her husband died, leaving her with five small children, three girls and two sons.

The following month Mrs. Guthrie left with her children and two brothers, Joe and Reuben, bound for Kern county, where they had learned there was a fine lot of land that might be homesteaded. With their belongings in two wagons, and bringing with them forty head of cattle, the little party traveled south for two weeks, making no stops of any length except for provisions. Visalia was the only town of any size in the valley at that time, and Mrs. Guthrie says that many wild cattle roamed the plains, with seldom a fence in sight. Porterville's business houses numbered less than half a dozen, and there were only a few residences in the town proper at that time.

Following the overland stage route on towards the south, the party camped for three days at the stage station on White River. Having learned that people down in Kern county were dying off at a rapid rate, apparently from some malady due to the climatic conditions there, Mrs. Guthrie's brothers went on a tour of investigation throughout the surrounding country. Finally a location was settled upon in the White River district twenty-five miles southeast of Porterville, and both they and she filed on quarter sections of land. They lived at first in a crude little cabin built by a "squatter" and later built a more comfortable home.

When questioned in regard to the other settlers in that district at that early date, Mrs. Guthrie mentioned a number whose names will be familiar to the older residents of this district, and whose descendants are well known citizens of this and the surrounding communities. Levi Mitchell, father of Joe Mitchell, the proprietor of the California Hot Springs hotel, kept a small store and hotel at what is now the White River postoffice. "The place was then and for a number of years afterwards called Tailholt," said Mrs. Guthrie, "at least that was how all the mail was addressed." Other names mentioned by her were those of the Solomon Slinkard and the Jack Parker families, both near neighbors. Shelby Peppers, a "Squaw man," was another one who was a most kind neighbor.

Many there are who have heard of the "Jack Ranch," but not all know how it came to be so called. According to Mrs. Guthrie, who has lived near it for the past forty-three years, the story is as follows: Dick and Jack, two men whose last names were never known, were "squatters" on the ranch, making their livelihood by keeping a few cows and making butter which they carried on packs over to Inyo county, where it was readily sold at a high price. It was known by the people of the neighborhood that several hundred dollars had been so accumulated by the two. Finally Dick was missed, and suspecting foul play a number of the neighbors formed themselves into a vigilance committee and waited upon Jack. Unable to give a satisfactory explanation for the disappearance of his companion, he was threatened with lynching, whereupon at the last moment he admitted having murdered Dick and disclosed the hiding place of his bones. Taking the law in their own hands, Jack was hung forthwith and immediately. Some time afterwards a man by the name of Mike Purcell filed on the land as a homestead, later selling out to a man named Winward. From him the land was purchased by Mrs. Guthrie's brother, Joe Box, and to his daughter, Miss Margaret Box, it belongs at present. (Editor's note: Do any of our readers have other explanations for the name "Jack Ranch"?)

Mrs. Guthrie, now in her seventy-fourth year (1915), has not only raised her own five children to maturity, but has fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom love her dearly, as do the many others who speak of her with all fondness as "Grandma Guthrie." She is still a very active woman, and during the school year just closed, she kept house for her grandsons, Robert and Everett, who were attending the Porterville high school. She has just returned with them to the Guthrie ranch at White River, which has been her home for forty-three years.

Her oldest son, John Guthrie, well-known cattleman of that district, has been in charge of the ranch for a number of years, and with him and family Mrs. Guthrie makes her home when not visiting with some of her other children, who are Mrs. Fanny Dent and Mrs. E. A. Uhl of this city, Miss Laura Guthrie of Los Angeles and Will Guthrie, who lives near Delano. The great-grandchild of whom she speaks with such evident pride is Master John Hyman Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Guthrie of the White River district.

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1831 - Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE b 8 Jan 1831, nr Lexington, Fayette Co, KY
Parents: Jack GUTHRIE & Fairvilla RIDDELL
m Sara Jane "Jin" BOX 15 Dec 1859, Sonoma Co, CA
d 13 Oct 1872 Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA
bur Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

PLEASE see Jack GUTHRIE, Sarah Jane BOX and Samuel Powell BOX also.

1831 - Born 8 Jan near Lexington, Kentucky. He had a sister, Louisa Jane, and a brother, John Henry. John Henry died after the family arrived in California and is buried in Napa or Yountville. Louisa Jane married Will WALLACE, and they had a daughter, Mag, all three of whom came to California when Jack Guthrie went back to bring his family west.

1848 -Wash Guthrie was reportedly the first blacksmith in Santa Rosa and was fixing wagons, shoeing oxen and sharpening pickaxes for miners in 1849.

1872 - 13 Oct - Wash GUTHRIE was shot and killed in Glen Ellen by his brother-in-law, Sam BOX. (NOTE: See Sam BOX Notes for complete story)

Per Kathryn McCabe, (dau of Fannie [GUTHRIE] [McCABE] DENT)
Fairvilla d. 29 Sep 1868, Jack d. 19 May 1872, Wash 13 Oct 1872. All three buried in Santa Rosa "on the west side of the Greene paling on a knoll. Graves not recorded but I (Kathryn) had an examination made in 1930 and it was found there were 3 graves there" said Aunt Fannie (GUTHRIE) McCABE when dictating her memoirs to Kathryn in 1934.

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Wash Guthrie - 1859

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 1807 - Jack GUTHRIE b 1 Jan 1807, MD
 m Fairvilla RIDDELL abt 1830
 d 19 May 1870, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

Please see Washington GUTHRIE notes for more references to Jack GUTHRIE.

1980-81 - Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER sent much information on the Guthrie family to me in the early 80's. Excerpted from her historical overview of THE GUTHRIE FAMILY are the following notes on Jack:

"The Guthries came from Scotland to America before 1700 and settled first in Virginia. Jack Guthrie (Grandpa Jack) was born in Maryland January 1, 1807. It is not known when he left Maryland or arrived in Kentucky, but he was a widower with a daughter (Aunt Mary James) when he married Fairvilla Riddell in Kentucky about 1830. She had been born in Virginia January 15, 1808; on the fly-leaf of the Bible which later belonged to Grandma Jin (Sarah Jane BOX) she had written, 'Fairvilly Riddell's Book Nov the 3d 1829.' Their son, Washington, was born near Lexington, Kentucky, on January 8, 1831. They also had a daughter, Louisa Jane, and a son, John Henry, who died while still a child, after they crossed the plains, and who is buried in Napa or Yountville.

"Grandpa Jack and Wash came to California in a covered wagon in 1848, going first to Calaveras County, the center of the gold excitement at that time. Both were expert blacksmiths. In a few months Jack went back for his family: his wife, Fairvilla, and their daughter, Louisa Jane (and her husband, Will Wallace, and their child, Mag) and John Henry. Aunt Mary James and her family followed later.

"When Jack brought Fairvilla to California, they lived in Napa for a while. It was there that the old press was built which Grandma Jin insisted on bringing when they left Sonoma; her son, John, kept it in his home, and the remains of the 'curly maply' heavy wood are now in Aunt Dot's garage. ... "Jack and Wash had a blacksmith shop in Santa Rosa, Main Street, east side of the Plaza, and 'they had a very good business,' according to Aunt Fannie. 'My grandfather was a very good businessman, and all of them wrote well. He made most of the wooden part of the wagon, and my father (Wash) would put the irons on it. (NOTE: They reportedly had the first blacksmith shop in Santa Rosa.) " 'I was born in Santa Rosa on Fourth Street, near E Street. My father farmed the Hagen place, where Clara, Laura, and John Franklin were born. He had a shop on the Hagen place and did some blacksmithing along with farming. He later had cattle on the Dutchman's place, where Will was born, and he did some teaming at that time.'

"Fairvilla died 'of a bowel complaint' on September 29, 1868. Jack died in Santa Rosa of tuberculosis on May 19, 1870. Washington was killed in October 1872. (NOTE: See Sam BOX notes for complete story) All three are buried in Santa Rosa 'on the west side of the Greene poaling on a knoll. The graves are not recorded but I had an examination made in 1930 and it was found that there were three graves there,' said Aunt Fannie when dictating her memoirs to Kit (Kathryn McCABE) in 1934....."

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1861 - Fannie Fairvilla GUTHRIE b 16 Jan 1861, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE & Sarah Jane "Jin" BOX
 m 1) Robert "Bob" McCABE 28 Nov 1878 (d 21 May 1894)
 m 2) Enos DENT abt 1898 - separated soon after
 d Jan 1942
 bur 28 Jan 1942, Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1861 - 16 Jan - In her own words in Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE HISTORY:
 "I was born in Santa Rosa on Fourth Street, near E Street. My father
 farmed the Hagen place, where Clara, Laura and John Franklin were born.
 He had a shop on the Hagen place and did some blacksmithing along with
 the farming. He later had cattle on the Dutchman's place, where Will was
 born, and he did some teaming at that time."

PLEASE see Sarah Jane BOX Notes for many details of Fannie's
 early life and impressions, again, in her own words.

1873 - "While we were living at the Double Log Cabin, Mike Pursell gave
 a dance in his new house (which is now known as the Armstrong Place) before
 he put the partitions in. It was the 22nd of February, Bill Daniel's
 birthday, and the party was given for him. I met Bob that night (Bob McCabe,
 her husband). He was the best looking man there, and he sang, 'We Met, It
 Was In A Crowd.' Others at the party were Keech Helmeric, Mr McNulty,
 George (an older brother of Ned), James Parker and his wife, Frank and
 Ellen Slinkard. I think old Charlie Uhl played for the dance. I was just
 'trundle-bed trash'--Bob and Mac or any of the men treated me like a little
 girl. Ma did not dance. Mary and Mandie Johnson were a little older than I.
 They were there." (Fannie had had ballroom dancing lessons -- lancers,
 quadrilles, schottisches, waltzes--at Glen Ellen. Grandma Jin did Fannie's
 hair up on papers for a dance, though she braided it for school.)

1875 - Excerpt from Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:
 "Uncle Sam first came in the fall of 1873....When he came again, in 1875,
 Grandma Box came with him to visit, and they took Fannie back with them
 to go to school in Santa Rosa.
 "When Uncle Sam and Grandma and I went up to Sonoma County in '75, it
 rained on us nearly all the way. We had a regular covered wagon and did
 not get wet. We had a bed in the wagon, but we stopped to 'visit' all
 along the way. There were no hotels for us to stay in if we had wanted
 them. When we crossed the Kings River, it was very swollen with the rains and
 floods. Uncle Sam asked about crossing the creek, and folks thought he could
 cross; so we crossed on the bridge, but were told at the next town that the
 bridge went out soon after we crossed.'... "Grandma Box had boarders. 'Dora
 and Annie (JOHNSON) were married, so I stayed there some and helped Grandma
 Box and Aunt Fannie Johnson with the boarders. I washed some and swept and
 scrubbed and washed dishes.'... "She also stayed with Aunt Betty (BOX) White.
 'Aunt Betty was awfully good to me. Uncle Charley bought my clothes while
 I was there. Harry Sheldon gave me twenty dollars. He was a Nevada friend
 of Uncle Reub's. My best dress was a blue and black plaid. Uncle Charley
 had sent us three girls dresses about a year before I went up to Santa Rosa.
 Bob Pursell (woman) helped helped me make my dress. I started sewing when I was
 about nine, and I was doing most of the family sewing after we went to Tulare
 County. Ma had a little sewing machine that had a wheel to turn with the
 hand. There were other sewing machines at that time which ran with a treadle.'

1876 - "Fannie returned home in October '76.

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I took a stage from Goshen to Visalia and then on to Porterville. so I think Goshen was the terminal of the railroad. I went to school to Bill Loyd, at the old Double Log Cagin in '77 and '78. My first beau was Jim Pepper, and I went with Bob, Keech and Ed Uhl. We nearly always went horseback. The boys would bring an extra horse and put my saddle on it'..."

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| 1879 - Nellie | b 3 Oct, White River, Tulare Co, CA |
| 1881 - James Clyde | b Feb " " " " |
| 1884 - Susan "Susie" | b ? " " " " |
| 1892 - Kathryn Delia "Kate" or "Kit" | b 19 Feb 1892 |

1880 - Census records that Jane Guthrie Muller has show Fannie as 20 years of age in 1880, and that her father (Washington GUTHRIE) was born in Kentucky, and her mother, Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE was born in Texas. (Wrong - she was born in Chickasaw Co, MS before the family moved to TX)

1894 - Told to me by Jane Guthrie Muller: Robert McCabe committed suicide in a gully near some rocks in the White River area. He tied his horse to a tree, then slashed his wrists. He had been depressed because of the droughts, no money and thought the insurance money would support Fanny and the children. The insurance money was stolen, so Fanny still had no money. She married Enos DENT in 1898, but they separated shortly thereafter because she had to support him.

1913 - Oct issue of the DUCOR DISPATCH:

"Members of the Ladies' Improvement Club and other friends were delightfully entertained by Mrs Nelson Smith at her country home near Ducor. Each was presented with a large potato and a knife to carve it into a pig. The results were extremely ludicrous. Mrs Fannie Dent won the prize of a fine box of chocolates for the best, the most natural looking pig."

1930's - My brother Allen remembers the time our family met Kathryn McCabe, her sister's three children, Merrill, Douglas and Harlan, who Kathryn raised after Susie's death, and Aunt Fanny (GUTHRIE) (McCABE) DENT to camp together in Yosemite. His most vivid memory is that Aunt Fanny had a baseball bat and a pile of rocks next to her bed in her tent: the bat for the bears; rocks for the deer who ate our butter which we had stored in the icy Merced River. The three Macy children were very close to our ages, and we all have often reminisced about what a wonderful time we six kids and the four adults had on that trip.

1930's - To indicate the interest the family took in their ancestors, the following is from a sheet of paper given to me by Aunt Ora (BOX) MATZEN in the 1940's. On the back of the sheet it says "Written for me by cousin Fannie McCabe Dent in Los Angeles when she was in her 70's."

I have copied the document verbatim, including all errors in spelling and dates, so as to document as thoroughly as possible her concept of the family history to that time:

"Your Box grandparents were married at Greensborough Missippe and all the children were born there except Samuel Powel was born Jan 16 I don't know the year; Aunt Fannie the oldest was born July 13 1837; Aunt Adline July 16 1840. You see there was just 3 years between the first 3 children. Sarah Jane my mother was born April 14 1842; Aunt Bettie March 8 or 9 1844, then they moved to Texas, Uncle Joe March 17, 1846; Uncle Allen March 8 or 9 1851, little Elijah was between Uncle Joe and Allen I don't know when. Uncle Ruben was born at the old Box Ranch in Sonoma Valley March 16 1854. He was a small child when Grandpa died July 13 1854. Uncle Elijah was a baby 3 months old when they came to California in 1851. They went to Yountville and Napa before they went to

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Sonoma. I was born Jan 16 1861, your father's birthday. I hope I have written this plain so you can read it and if there is anything else that I know I will gladly write it for you. Lovingly, Fannie"



Left: Fannie in front of her Porterville home On Morton St in 1908

Below: Laura, Fannie Clara, Sarah Jane



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1879 - Nellie McCABE b 3 Oct 1879, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Robert "Bob" McCABE & Fannie Fairvilla GUTHRIE
 m 1) Shadrach W "Shade" BRALY 23 Sep 1904 (d 1915)
 m 2) Mark ADAMS 1929
 d 27 Jun 1946, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1903 - Letter from Nellie to her future sister-in-law, May (Mrs Ben Braly):
 "White River, Mar 1 - As mama (Fannie (GUTHRIE) McCABE) and Susie (McCABE)
 are going to Porterville this afternoon I will write you a few lines to let you
 know that I am not able to do any sewing.

"I saw the Dr. the other day and he said that I had better not try to do any
 sewing, so I guess I had better give it up entirely...

"Susie will take the train Monday for Stockton. She is going to study for the
 June examination....

"We received a letter from Aunt Ema (think she means Elma HOWELL BOX) in
 Humboldt. She said that they had had forty and one half inches of rain there...
 With love, Nellie McCabe"

1904 - 23 Sep - Nellie married Shadrach W "Shade" Braly (pronounced Brawley).
 Jane's book, PIONEER FAMILIES OF DUCOR gives much information on the Braly
 family. Shade was the first Postmaster of the new Ducor Post Office when it
 was established in 1907, and when the Ducor Land Development Co was
 incorporated, he was one of the developers. Braly Avenue is named for his
 family. He died in 1915 when he was accidentally caught in a harvester belt.

post 1915 - Nellie adopted Ruth, a girl of Portuguese descent, after Shade's
 death. Ruth was born in 1911 or 1912, still lived in Porterville in 1987. She
 married Karl Johnson, and they have two daughters: Karlin and Signe, both
 married. Karlin is married to Gary Giraudi, of Italian descent, and a teacher.

1916 - 12 May postcard from Ora BOX in Ducor to Anita (ANDERLINI) BOX in
 Trinity Center: "Bennie & I are at Nellie's & Nick has gone to S.F. We had a
 lovely trip up. Will go home as soon as Nick returns. Love from Ora."

1929 - Nellie married Mark Adams.

post 1929 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a picture of Nellie and Mark.

1946 - Jane Guthrie Muller sent me the following on Nellie's tragic death:

"Porterville Recorder, Friday, June 28, 1946

"COUNTY PIONEER BURNS TO DEATH IN RANCH HOUSE -

"Mrs Nellie Braly Adams, 66, wife of Mark Adams of Ducor, and native of Tulare
 County, was burned to death Thursday afternoon when she was trapped in the
 burning ranch house at the old McCabe ranch four miles from White River.

"Caught in the flames and smoke as she was attempting to remove a family
 keepsake cherry bedstead, Mrs Adams was apparently unable to find a window
 through the smoke after flames engulfed the door and was burned to death in the
 house where she was born.

"Mrs Adams had gone to the ranch from Ducor to take provisions to her nephew,
 Douglas Macy, who is there raising turkeys and cattle.--Fire Breaks in Shed---

"Macy noticed the fire in a store shed about 10 feet from the house, and
 connected to the house by an arbor. He called to his aunt and told her the shed
 was burning, said Deputy Coroner Darrol Findley who investigated. They saw
 that a portion of the house was also on fire and Macy and Mrs Adams entered the
 house to bring out some of the things.

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 "Findley said they had each made one trip out of the house and had gone in again to get some more. Macy had carried out a mattress on his second trip when he saw the smoke was heavy near the door. He called to Mrs Adams who was trying to remove a family heirloom cherry bedstead which had belonged to Mrs Adams' mother.
 ---Caught in Smoke---

"Macy called to Mrs Adams again and she said that she couldn't see because of the smoke. He told her to go to the bedroom window and he would help her through.

"Macy went around to the window, Findley said, but Mrs Adams apparently could not find her way, so he returned to the door, but the doorway and house were by this time engulfed in the flames. Macy was unable to locate Mrs Adams and he could not hear her call out and she did not answer his calls.

"The forest service fire trucks were at the scene but firemen were unable to do anything but prevent the blaze from spreading through the dry grass.

"The fire broke out about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

"Guy Hughes, who leases a large portion of the ranch, arrived at the fire shortly after the house started to burn but too late to be of any assistance to Mrs Adams.

---Born at Ranch---

"Mrs Adams was born at the ranch Oct 3 1879. The house was constructed in 1877. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Bob McCabe, county pioneers who settled the ranch in 1869. She was the granddaughter of the late Sarah Jane Guthrie.

"In 1904 she moved to Ducor and was married to the late Shade W Braly who died. She was married to Adams in 1929. She was a member of the Eastern Star lodge.

"She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs Karl Johnson, Carpenteria, Calif; two step-daughters, Mrs Dale Duff of Bakersfield and Mrs R E Van Vleet, Ashland, Ore, and six grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Loyd-Brittell Chapel with the Rev J A Milligan officiating. Burial will be in Home of Peace cemetery."

1946 - Undated clipping in my files:

"Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Loyd-Brittell Chapel for Mrs Nellie Braly Adams, 66, life long resident of Tulare County, who met a tragic death last Thursday at the place of her birth, the old McCabe ranch house, four miles from White River.

"The Rev J A Milligan officiated. Mrs Charles E Bigham was at the chapel organ and sang two of the favorite hymns of Mrs Adams, 'Abide With Me' and 'Lead Kindly Light.' The many friends she made during her life was attested to by the many and beautiful floral pieces and by the large attendance at the rites. The chapel was completely filled with many friends sitting in the foyer...

"Mrs Adams, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Robert McCabe, was born on the ranch that was settled in 1869. The ranch house that was destroyed by fire was built in 1877. Mrs Adams was the granddaughter of Sarah Jane Guthrie. She had been living at Ducor since 1904. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs Karl Johnson, Carpenteria; her husband, Mark J Adams, Ducor; two stepdaughters, Mrs Dale Duff, Bakersfield, and Mrs R E Van Vleet, Ashland, Ore; a sister, Kathryn D McCabe, Los Angeles; two nephews, Douglas Macy, White River, and Robert H Macy, U S Navy; a niece, Merrill M Macy, Los Angeles; and six grandchildren."

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1881 - James Clyde McCABE b Feb 1881, White River, Tulare Co, CA
Parents: Robert "Bob" McCABE & Fannie Fairvilla GUTHRIE
d 1 Jun 1936, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
bur 3 Jun 1936 Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1936 - (1 Jun) Clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:

"HEMORRHAGE OF BRAIN CAUSE OF M'CABE DEATH - A slow hemorrhage of the brain was responsible for the death of James C McCabe, well-known White River cattleman who passed away at the Mill Street hospital here Monday afternoon, after sustaining a comparatively minor injury while roping cattle, Dr S A Barber, attending physician, testified at the inquest yesterday afternoon. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

"Jules Villard and Gerald Carver, with whom McCabe was working Sunday afternoon, described the incident that led to his death. He had roped a cow when his horse dashed under an oak limb, overhanging the corral. The limb, not much more than a twig, struck McCabe on the cheek and brushed his hat off as he passed under it. He got off his horse, recovered the hat and went on roping without any sign that the injury was at all serious. About ten minutes later, however, Carver and Villard noticed that he had slumped over in the saddle. They took him at once to the cabin on the Carver place where he has been living, where he was put to bed. He was dazed, but soon went into what seemed to be a sound slumber and Carver, though he got up a couple of times during the night to see how he was getting along, did not disturb him. In the morning, however, he could not be roused, and was brought to the hospital here, where he died, nearly 24 hours after sustaining the injury.

"Funeral services were conducted this afternoon, at the Loyd-Frietzsche chapel, with Rev. J A Milligan officiating."

1958 - Undated, unattributed full-page clipping in Aunt Anita's scrapbook tells of Mrs Neva Hastings' memories of teaching in White River, among which was:

"Among those who attended Salem and Grapevine, when I taught there, were the late Lester Guthrie...Miss Kathryn McCabe...Uhl's and the Sam Box children. One instance I can't forget was when a gopher snake dropped upon my desk from the unsealed rafters above, grazing my hand -- my loud scream shocked the children as I fled, imploring Jim McCabe to dispose of the reptile....."

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1881 - Susan "Susie" McCABE b 1884, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Robert "Bob" McCABE & Fannie Fairvilla GUTHRIE
 m Charles MACY ? ? (probably bef 1919)
 d 13 Dec 1931, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Home of Peace, " " " "

1910 - 9 Aug postcard from Millie BOX in San Francisco to Reuben BOX:
 "Dr Reuben, Ora & I were over to Berkeley Sun to see Susie & Kate (McCABE).
 Had a fine time....."

bef 1919 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook betrothal announcement of three graduated
 formal cards printed in Old English type and tied together with a tiny white
 satin ribbon - smallest one says "Betrothed," the next larger, "Mr Charles D
 Macy," and the largest, "Miss Susie McCabe"

1919 - Douglas b 1919, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 1923 - Merrill b 1923, " " "
 1927 - Harlan b 1927, " " "

aft 1919 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has a picture captioned: Susie McCabe Macy
 and baby Douglas."

1931 - Per Jane Guthrie, plus a clipping from Aunt Anita's scrapbook:
 "Mrs Macy dies from Pneumonia. Mrs Susie McCabe Macy died at 9 o'clock last
 night, at her home at 111 E Bellevue after a ten days illness from pneumonia.
 "She was a native of Tulare Co, her birthplace being at White River, and
 practically all her life was spent in her native county. She was a
 school teacher, having taught for a number of years in the local rural schools.
 She is survived by her 3 children, Douglas, Merrill and Harlan;
 her mother, Mrs Fannie Dent; sisters Mrs M J Adams of Ducor, Miss Kathryn
 McCabe; a brother, James McCabe, and a number of other relatives.
 "She leaves also a wide circle of friends to whom she had endeared herself,,
 and who will be deeply grieved to learn of her passing."

1931 - Additional clipping in Aunt Anita's earliest scrapbook:
 "MACY - In Porterville, December 13, 1931, Mrs Susie McCabe Macy, a native of
 California; mother of Douglas, Merrill and Harlan Macy; daughter of Mrs Fanny
 Dent; sister of Mrs M J Adams, James C McCabe and Miss Kathryn McCabe. Friends
 are invited to the funeral services Tuesday, December 15, at 3 p. m., at
 Loyd-Frietzsche chapel, Hockett and Mill streets. Rev J A Milligan and Rev E A
 Junker officiating. Interment in Home of Peace cemetery."

Kathryn McCabe, Susie's sister, raised the three Macy children to adulthood.
 Doug helped Kathryn at the White River ranch and was often at the family
 reunions up there. He later married and his wife's name was Lucy, but nothing
 more is known about him. Marian Guthrie gave me an address for him in the late
 1980's, but there was never any response to my letters. Merrill married Marvin
 Ancel CLARK 18 Jun 1949 according to an announcement sent out by Kathryn and
 found in Aunt Anita's scrapbook. Merrill also used to go to the White River
 family reunions, and sometimes rode up there with us. The last I heard she
 owned and operated an answering service in Los Angeles in the 50's. Harlan
 married Norma DUNCAN 13 Jun 1953 in Los Angeles, but Kathryn told me it did not
 last long.

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Notes for Kathryn Delia "Kate" or "Kit" MCCABE-231

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 1892 - Kathryn Delia McCABE b 19 Feb 1892, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Robert "Bob" McCABE & Fanny Fairvilla GUTHRIE
 d Jul 1970 (Bakersfield or Porterville?) CA
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1930's -Kathryn and her mother, Fannie (GUTHRIE) (McCABE) DENT often visited us when I was a child and we lived in East Oakland. We went camping with them in Yosemite one summer - the five of us and the five of them, Kathryn, Aunt Fannie, Merrill, Harlan and Douglas Macy, in the 1930's.(See Fanny's Notes)

1938-9 -In the late 1930's I visited my cousin Callie in Montrose for several weeks during summer school vacation and always made it a point to stay with Kathryn. It became kind of a joke with Callie's family when Kathryn would call because she never said, "Is Alice there?" It was always "Is Andy's daughter there?" So the Dempseys teased me by calling me "Andy's daughter."

She took me to the Hollywood Bowl and other interesting cultural places in Los Angeles. Sometimes she, Aunt Fanny and I would just sit and talk, look at albums, and Aunt Fanny would ask me to play the piano. She loved music and always seemed to request things that I could play. No one ever had a more appreciative audience.

Kathryn and I became good friends as well as relatives after I moved to Los Angeles in 1945. We had dinner frequently in each other's homes, and we sometimes took her out to dinner for a special treat. When my parents visited, we always got together at least once. Kathryn was a favorite of my father's, and they both loved nothing better than to reminisce about the family.

Kathryn raised her sister Susie's three children after Susie died:
 Merrill, Harlan and Doug Macy. (See Susie McCabe Notes)

1950 - 20 Dec - letter from Neva Hastings, former teacher at Grapevine School, to Reuben Box (excerpts): "...I made a trip south and Kathryn McCabe brought me home. She has a nice home, the first time I had visited since her mother's passing. She has much to her credit in caring for her invalid mother and Susie's children. I'm hoping they'll be a comfort to her..."

1950's or early 1960's - Kathryn sold her home and moved to what was then an early version of the 'retirement' home in the Wilshire district. She had her own room, shared the sitting room and had meals prepared for her.

1952 - See Anita Anderlini Notes for a large section of her travel journal for this year devoted to a long visit at Kathryn's White River place at which time Uncle Reuben helped Doug build a structure. One of the family reunions Kathryn loved so much was held on Palm Sunday during this visit.

1958 - Undated, unattributed full-page clipping in Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook has Neva Hastings recollections of teaching at the Grapevine School in the 1890's: "....Among those who attended Salem and Grapevine, when I taught there, were the late Lester Guthrie....Miss Kathryn McCabe..."

May 1967 - I had the address: Mountain View Rest Home, 610 East Grand St, Porterville, CA....and as of July, Kern Co General Hospital - Ward F, Flower St, Bakersfield, CA. No reply was ever sent to any of my letters.

1970 - I learned many years later from Jane Guthrie Muller that Kathryn had

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died in 1970 and was buried in Porterville. She was a very positive influence in my life in Southern California and I have always regretted not being able to see more of her in her final years.



Merrill, Fannie, Douglas, Kathryn and Harlan - probably 1930's



Addie Box & Kathryn at Addie and Andy's
home in Fremont, CA

Notes for Clara Jane "Aunt Cad" GUTHRIE-38

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 1862 - Clara Jane GUTHRIE b 14 Apr 1862, Hagen Place

nr Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE & Sarah Jane "Jin" BOX
 m Edwin Austin UHL 30 Mar 1882, Tulare Co, CA
 d 20 May 1935 Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

PLEASE see Edwin Austin and Laura Frances UHL Notes also.

All 5 Uhl children were born at Uhl Station, Tulare Co, CA

1883 - Bertha Adeline & Gertrude Emmaline ("Bertie" & "Gertie") b 2 Aug

1885 - Cynthia Jane b 4 Apr

1889 - Laura Frances "Babe" b 1889 (date unknown)

1893 - Cecil Clifford "Tippie" or "Cliff" b 31 Dec

1935 - May obituary clipping from Porterville paper in both Aunt Anita's and Aunt Ora's scrapbooks:

"DEATH TAKES MRS E A UHL COUNTY PIONEER/ by Martha Louise Baker/ Answering the final summons, another of Porterville's pioneers passed over the 'great divide' when Mrs E A Uhl, a resident of this city for the past thirty years, and of Tulare County for more than 60 years, passed away at her home on West Olive street about 7 o'clock Monday evening. Mrs Uhl had been in failing health for some months, suffering from heart trouble, so her death was not unexpected./ The deceased was a native of California, having been born in Sonoma county, April 14, 1862. Her parents were numbered among the state's early settlers, coming to California by covered wagon in the early days. With her parents, Clara Jane Guthrie came down into Tulare county in 1872, her father taking up a homestead at White River, property that is still retained by the Guthrie family.

(NOTE: It was her mother, Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE, who homesteaded the land after her husband, Wash GUTHRIE was killed in Sonoma County by Samuel BOX. Sarah moved the family of five children to Tulare County in 1872.)
 March 30 1882, she was married to E A Uhl, and they took up their residence on a ranch above California Hot Springs, which afterwards came to be known as Uhl Station, and is headquarters of the U S Forestry Service for that district./ Mr and Mrs Uhl moved to Porterville in 1903, establishing a home on South Hockett, later moving to West Olive street, where the family has resided ever since. Here, surrounded by her family, friends and flowers to whom she had devoted so much of affection, kindness and care, death came as quietly and peacefully as the dusk of the eventide. With the inherent pioneer spirit of her parents, Mrs Uhl lived a life of unselfish service to others, courageous always, and cheerful to the end. An adoring family and countless friends will revere throughout all time the memory of this pioneer mother, whom to know, was to love./ The deceased is survived by the following children: Misses Bertha and Cynthia Uhl, and Clifford Uhl, all of whom reside at home; Mrs A F Laney, who resides on the West Olive street highway. There is also one grandchild, Genevieve Laney. A daughter, Gertrude, twin of Bertha, passed away in 1899. The husband, E A Uhl, passed away May 30, 1926. She leaves also one sister, Mrs Fannie Dent, of Los Angeles, the surviving member of a family of five children./ Funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Loyd-Frietzsche chapel, conducted by Palm Leaf chapter of Eastern Star, of which Mrs Uhl had long been a member. Rev J A Milligan will officiate. Interment will be in Home of Peace cemetery."

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 1850 - Edwin Austin UHL b 1850, Muscatine, Muscatine Co, IA
 Parents: Charles UHL - mother died when he was born
 m Clara Jane GUTHRIE 30 Mar 1882, Tulare Co, CA
 d 30 May 1926
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1840's - Edwin's grandfather, Charles Uhl, came from Germany to Iowa then to California where he homesteaded in the White River area. According to the obituary for his daughter, Mrs Laura Uhl Laney, "...She was born near California Hot Springs on her grandfather's homestead, known as Uhl Station (headquarters for Forest Service in 1935). Uhl Hill, near Hot Springs, is named for the family..."

pre 1872 - LOS TULARES, Quarterly Bulletin of the Tulare Co Historical Society, June 1990, p6 has an article by Jane Guthrie Muller on THE EARLY HISTORY OF DEER CREEK HOT SPRINGS from which I have excerpted the following about the Uhl family:

"Charlie Uhl was one of the earliest settlers, living in a log cabin this side of Uhl Hill, when the Guthrie family came here in 1872. He was a well-known fiddler who played for the dances, often held in a new cabin as a sort of house-warming. Charlie had come during the gold rush. His wife died when their son, Edwin Austin, was born, back in Muscatine, Iowa in 1855 (NOTE: I have 1850, presumably on his tombstone at Home of Peace Cemetery in Porterville). Soon after, Charlie left him with the grandmother and came to California.

"By 1873, Ed was here with his father, having come out from Iowa and ridden up and down the state looking for his father. In southern California he had worked harvesting beans to make enough money to continue his search. When he arrived in White River, he heard of another Uhl and rode up toward Hot Springs for a happy reunion. In 1882 Ed married Clara Jane Guthrie, and they lived on their property north and east of Hot Springs. Uhl Station, at the forks of the road leading south to Pine Flat and north and east to Johnsondale, was their home later. Once when I was riding after cattle with my father over near the Hot Springs golf course, he pointed out to me where their house had been and where Ed had built a bear trap. My father remembered visiting there with his Uhl cousins, in the early '90's (he was born in 1885), and with the other children sneaking some brown sugar from the barrel Aunt Cad had for the family supply.

"Twin girls, Bertie and Gertie, had been born to the Uhls in 1883, and Cynthia was born at Hot Springs April 22, 1885, according to an affidavit of birth I have. Ed's occupation was listed as cattleman. Bertha Adeline, her sister, was the 'Affiant', and Della B Slinkard Parker certified that she was present at the birth as Midwife. Other children were Laura, born in 1887, and Cecil Clifford, 1893. ..."

1873 - Nov - In Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:

"...To celebrate they gave a dance, with Charley Uhl furnishing the music. Aunt Fannie (GUTHRIE) wrote, 'The first time I ever saw Ed Uhl was when we gave a dance in our new house in November 1873. He had not been there long. He was staying with his father. Ed was a handsome man. I taught him to dance. ..."

Undated photo in Aunt Ora's scrapbook captioned: "Uncle Ed Uhl - Porterville"

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1889 - Laura Frances "Babe" UHL b 1889, Uhl Station, Tulare Co, CA

Parents: Edwin Austin UHL & Clara Jane GUTHRIE

m Archibald "Archie"LANEY bef 15 Nov 1915, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
d Feb 1937, Tulare, Tulare Co, CA

bur 9 Feb 1937 Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

pre 1915 - Per Aunt Anita's first scrapbook, undated clipping reads:

"MISS UHL ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT AT PARTY" - Porterville Young Woman to Become the Bride of Saucelito Rancher - Wedding in Early Summer - The engagement of Miss Laura Frances Uhl, daughter of Mr and Mrs E A Uhl, of this city, to Archibald F Laney, a prominent cattleman and rancher of the Saucelito district, was announced this afternoon at a sewing party at the Uhl home on West Olive street. The wedding is to take place in early summer./ Miss Uhl has been a teacher in the Porterville schools for the past four years and before that taught two years at Saucelito. She is a fine young woman and has many friends in Porterville and the surrounding country./ Mr Laney is a very successful business man and is well known for his integrity throughout the section in which he lives./

"In order to put the guests off their guard tiny cards pretending to announce the engagement of one of the other young ladies present were given out. Afterwards the real announcements were passed among the guests much to their surprise. The cards bore the names of the engaged couple and were decorated with tiny pink roses....

"Pink and white was the color scheme carried out throughout the afternoon. Refreshments of ices and cake were served at the close of the afternoon.

"Misses Fay Terwilliger and Ella Willson gave several piano solos, Misses Ethel Munger and Mildred Shore readings and Miss Leah Griffith and Vera Jones and Mrs C E Bigham vocal solos....."

A list of 20 young ladies present follows.

pre-1915 - Undated clipping from the Porterville Messenger re Laura's wedding:

"HOME WEDDING ATTENDED BY MANY FRIENDS/ Miss Laura Uhl Becomes Bride of A F Laney/ HONEYMOON TRIP THRU NORTHWEST/Will Return to Porterville in Late Fall to Make Home Near Here/In a pretty wedding, celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs E A Uhl, in Olive Street, last evening, Miss Laura Uhl became the bride of Archie F Laney of Saucelito, Rev J A Milligan, former pastor of the First Congregational church, and an old friend of the family officiating./Handsome decorations carried out in a color scheme of green and white added to the attractiveness of the handsome Uhl home. White cut flowers in profusion appeared in the dining room and in the parlor, where the ceremony was held, the same colors being carried out in a huge floral wedding bell of white blossoms and ferns./It was at eight thirty o'clock that Miss Margaret Box sang two appropriate musical numbers while the guests took their places in the parlor, and a few minutes later the strains of Engleman's Wedding March, played by Mrs James Powers, ushered in the bride and groom who took their places before the minister beneath the wedding bell which formed the central scheme of the decorations./ Little Miss Helen Guthrie, a cousin of the bride, daughter of John F Guthrie, was the ring bearer, and except for her the bride was unattended, as was the groom. The Rev J A Milligan read the ring service of the Congregational ritual./ The bride made a handsome picture in a tasteful gown of pearl-white marquisette, made over white messaline and she carried a shower bouquet of white rose and ferns./ An informal reception followed, during which the bride was showered with best wishes and the groom with congratulations. At the close of this hour light refreshments were served, veritable heaps

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of handsome gifts being showered upon the bride and were given interested admiration by the assembled guests./Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present for the ceremony and for the reception which followed./ The bride has been a resident of Porterville for the past ten years and has been prominent in social affairs as well as active in the work of the Rebekah Lodge of which she has long been a member. She was one of the teachers of the Porterville grammar school and for the two years past taught at the Saucelito school, where started the romance which had its interesting culmination last evening. She is a girl of much charm and has deservedly won many friends who will wish her every possible future happiness/ The groom, who is the son of Mrs George Laney of Pixley, came here from the East a half score of years ago and has made his home in this district since that time. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Shriners and is also a member of the W.O.W. He is one of the substantial cattlemen of this section of Tulare county anmd adds to his business capacity and integrity a forceful personality which has won him universal respect./Directly after the reception which followed the ceremony Mr and Mrs Laney started on their wedding journey./ Miss Kathryn McCabe was the fortunate member of the wedding party who secured the bridal bouquet thrown by Mrs Laney as the start of her wedding journey was made./They go by automobile to San Diego, where they will remain in a visit at the Panama-California Exposition for a week or more; then will tour up the coast to San Francisco, where they will remain for some days. Continuing their journey to Oregon they return home by way of Lake Tahoe, expecting their journey to continue for some three months./Upon their return Mr and Mrs Laney will make their home near Porterville, although their plans for a future residence have not as yet been fully matured."

1915 - 8 Nov postcard from Laura Uhl Laney in Weed, CA to Reuben Box in Trinity Center: "We are on our way back to Calif. from Oregon. If you are near enough that we can visit you folks & Uncle Sam we'd surely love to. We are snowed in here at Weed and will be here until the roads will permit travel. Address Mrs A F Laney, Red Bluff."

1937 - Obituary in the 8 Feb 1937 Fresno Bee from Aunt Ora's scrapbook: "Mrs Laura Uhl Laney, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs E A Uhl, one of the pioneer families of this district, died early yesterday in a Tulare hospital, following a short illness.

"Mrs Laney was born near California Hot Springs, on her grandfather's homestead, known as Uhl Station. Uhl Hill, near Hot Springs, is named for the family.

"She was graduated from the local schools and taught school for a number of years, most recently in the rural school of Alta Robles.

"Besides her husband, Archie Laney, she leaves a daughter, Genevieve Laney; two sisters, Bertha and Cynthia, and a brother, Clifford Uhl, all of this city.

"Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at the Loyd-Frietsche Chapel, with Rev J A Milligan officiating. The Rebekah Lodge will be in charge of the chapel services, and the Eastern Star will conduct graveside rites in the Home of Peace Cemetery."

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Notes for Genevieve Octavia LANEY-282

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1919 - Genevieve Octavia LANEY b 1919

Parents: Archibald F LANEY & Laura Frances "Babe" UHL
 m Tom YEAGER (pbly bef 1941)
 d 1962

1924 - Undated Porterville Messenger clipping: "EIGHTY INVITED TO GIRL'S PARTY ON OLIVE STREET/ The home of Mr and Mrs E A Uhl, 324 West Olive Street, will be the scene of a very happy affair today when they entertain a large number of relatives and friends in honor of the fifth birthday of their only grandchild, little Miss Genevieve Laney, daughter of Mr and Mrs A F Laney./ Invitations have been extended to more than eighty persons, including all the relatives of little Genevieve on both the maternal and paternal side of the family who are living in California. A number from other cities and districts are expected to be present at this birthday party which has become an annual event at the Uhl home, being a real family gathering or reunion./ A fine turkey dinner will be served picnic style on long tables underneath the grape arbor in the Uhl yard. The dinner will take place at 2 o'clock and the remainder of the afternoon will be given over to an informal program and good time generally./ As has been the custom at similar parties in past years, there will be recitations and musical numbers by a number of the juvenile guests including Nell Park, Ruth Braly, Jane and John Guthrie, Douglas Macy, Barbara Guthrie, Lenora Laney, Helen Guthrie, Ivan Roy Thomas, Virginia Guthrie and the guest of honor, Genevieve Laney. E A Uhl, grandfather of Genevieve, will tune up his 'fiddle' and be heard in several of the old time melodies and songs. W A Parker is another of the grownups who can bow a 'fiddle' and some lively tunes in the form of duets are expected from him and Mr Uhl./ Genevieve is very much excited about her brainy (sic) party, and who wouldn't be, for not many little girls have such big parties on their birthdays."

1941 - Roger b 24 Aug

(As of 1991, Roger is a teacher and

1944 - Loren b 5 Nov

both Loren and Bill work for the

1952 - William "Bill" b 11 Oct

California Highway Patrol)

1962 - Genevieve died of cancer when only 43 years old.

1991 - 4 May - Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER sent me much information on Genevieve's family after speaking with Roger Yeager, Genevieve's son. She said that Garth Hughes had known Genevieve better than Jane did, and had told Jane of her remarkable artistic talent. Roger, when asked about it, said that he had a couple of her pictures on his mantel and that she was especially good working with charcoal or with pencil --"she could bring out highlights in the hair" in pencil sketches.

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Notes for John Franklin GUTHRIE-40

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1866 - John Franklin GUTHRIE b 5 Mar 1866, Rincon Valley, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE & Sarah Jane "Jin" BOX
 m 1) Mary Ellen WHITE 1 Oct 1884, White River, Tulare Co, CA (d 1924)
 m 2) Elizabeth HOUGHTON Nov 1928
 d Feb 1929, Fresno, Fresno Co, CA
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1876 - from Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history: "...By the time John Franklin was ten years old, he was herding sheep for Burr Caldwell and helping support the family. ..." ..and from Jane's GRANDMA JIN essay: "...Grandma Jin (said) that when she was a young woman, she had wretched headaches. Once she said to little John, who was trying to comfort her, that she wished she had some coffee. He told her that when he grew up, he'd see that she always had money to buy coffee, and Grandma Jin said... 'He kept his promise and he always did.'"

pre 1884 - Jane's ELLIS-WHITE FAMILY excerpt: "...From Lynn's Valley they (the Charles Thomas White family) had moved to the Snodgrass place above White River where they were when young John Franklin Guthrie came walking through the gap there herding sheep (for Burr Caldwell, I think). The Whites were having a picnic and invited John to eat with them. It was Mary, the oldest daughter, who took a plate to him, and he told his son Less that he'd never seen such a pretty young girl. They were married in 1884 when they were both eighteen, and by then the White family was living on their homestead near the river at the bottom of the northwest side of Bald Mountain. ..."

1884 - Dec - "...he married Mary Ellen White and brought her to live at the home place. By that time he had begun to work in the mines. Their wedding was at Grandpa White's homestead near the river at the base of Bald Mountain..."
 "White River, known then as Tailholt, was a flourishing goldmining community for many years, and the 'Bald Mountain' was the main mine. It extended into the mountain about fourteen hundred feet and had many side tunnels. This mine was in full operation for many years and afforded work for a sizeable number of men. It was here that young John Franklin spent sixteen years of his life, supporting his mother, his wife and children--and frequently many other members of the family....As he could, he would buy a few head of cattle. When the mine finally closed down in the early 1900's, John turned to cattle raising exclusively, buying land from homesteaders here and there and occasionally renting from others. His brand was JF...."

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| 1885 - Charles Lester "Less" | b 12 Sep 1885, | White River, | Tulare Co, | CA |
| 1887 - Henry Wilfred "Fred" | b 3 Jan 1887, | " | " | " " |
| 1888 - Fannie Etta "Dot" | b 11 Nov 1888, | " | " | " " |
| 1890 - Jenny Hazel | b 17 Oct 1890 | " | " | " (d 1892) |
| 1893 - Guy Earnest | b 18 Feb 1893 | " | " | " " |
| 1897 - Robert Garth "Bob" | b 5 Apr 1897 | " | " | " " |
| 1899 - Everett Riddell "Beany" | b 30 Mar 1899, | Bakersfield, | Kern Co, | CA |
| 1909 - Helen Elizabeth | b 9 Aug 1909 | " | " | " " |

1912 - Warren Moody tells in his book OUTDOOR INSIGHT: "It was back in 1912 that my parents...acquired the 160 acres of the original Tyler Homestead on Tyler Creek from the Thompson family....It was John Guthrie, long time friend...who tipped off my father that the Thompson ranch was for sale."

1913 - 28 May postcard from Ora BOX at White River, Guthrie's Ranch to Millie BOX at Knob, Trinity Co, CA: "Dear Millie and all, B. & I are at Uncle John's,"

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but will go on to Uhl Station tomorrow. I expect to have letters from you at Hot Springs..I have phoned to Nick twice. He is in the Mtns. now in rain. Ora."

1914 - Per Jane's PIONEER FAMILIES OF DUCOR: "According to Annie Mitchell, 'John Guthrie built the cattle loading corral in 1914.' My uncle, Bob Guthrie, born in 1897, said that while my grand- father and his sons (Less, Guy, Bob and Everett) did build the corrals and put in the scales, John Dennis was also actively involved in the project. Presumably by this time, Mr Dennis and his sons had also gone into the cattle business. For years, when the Guthries drove their cattle down the road to Ducor to be shipped to Los Angeles, they put the cattle the night before loading, in the corral of Mr Dennis about half-way between Fountain Springs and Ducor. This way, as Bob said, smiling, they could drink their fill before being brought on to Ducor to be weighed next morning. Previously, I understand that the cattle were driven to Porter-ville to be loaded on the train, a difficult procedure as the town grew. Later, of course, by the late 30's, cattle were taken by truck to their destination."

1920's - THE STORY OF SOLOMON S SLINKARD, by Dorothy Brice, Terra Bella News, 1971, sent to me by Jane, tells of John Guthrie's fame as a lion hunter. Excerpts: "Early one morning he and his dad (Charlie Slinkard, neighbors of the Guthries), ..heard the sound of a cow bawling with great urgency...To Charlie's experienced ear it meant one thing: something had happened to her calf...a lion had jumped the calf, killed it, and dragged it across the sand bar....The following day found them checking cattle east of Capitol Rock...came upon a lion track...They were close to Dry Meadow where a USFS telephone was avail able. A Call was placed to John Guthrie, grandfather of the John Guthrie who owns a large cattle ranch in the Tyler Creek area today. John Guthrie Sr was a strong man, a tall, lean man; a man who could travel on foot over the hills and mountains almost as fast as the pack of hunting dogs he owned. When- ever mountain lion tracks were discovered, John and his dogs were summoned. He came willingly and rapidly, and the dogs were set on the trail of the lion. In his time, he was famous for his prowess as a hunter of the mountain lion. "...Guthrie set his dogs on the trail and they ran the lion to the top of Capitol Rock by Johnsondale. They treed him in a small scrub oak which bent under his weight bringing him close to the dogs who were trying desperately to reach him. The snarling lion opened his mouth in a threatening manner and at the precise moment, Oscar Klein opened fire, the bullet penetrating the roof of the lion's mouth. The lion fell and the dogs lunged toward him. With one last valiant effort at self-preser- vation, the dying lion managed to grasp a log with its front feet. The log rolled over the cliff and with it the lion and Champ Clark, one of the dogs. "The lion was dead and the dog badly crippled. After a few days rest in camp the dog recovered and was ready once again for the hunt. When the skin of the lion was stretched to its full length on the side of the Klein barn, he measured nine feet from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. ..."

1921 - Warren Moody, in his book OUTDOOR INSIGHT, on John Guthrie (excerpts): "...I expected to stop over with the Guthries at Powderhorn Meadow ...I found John Guthrie and a friend in camp...we saw a horseman...He was all excited and looked around to see if the hound dogs were in camp..'Old John' (his grandson was called 'Young John')...asked what the hurry was all about...George had come upon one of his yearling steers that had been killed by a mountain lion, less than 24 hours before...Instead of returning to his own camp, George had ridden over to Powderhorn Meadow to see if he could get Guthrie and his dogs to meet him near the kill the next morning and try to tree the predator... "With a knowing smile on his face, Old John turned to (us) and asked, 'You

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fellows want to go on a lion hunt in the morning?' The answer was obvious... One dog was named Champ Clark (after the renowned Speaker of the House of Representatives) and the younger dog was named Jumbo on account of his large size and extra large feet. They were both of a bloodhound- foxhound mix which was definitely preferred by Old John. The bloodhound part was to provide an extra good nose and the foxhound part was for greater aggressiveness. Champ Clark already had 26 lions to his credit, and Jumbo was eager and learning fast. ... "Old John speculated that the lion was a smart old tom. Indications were that having fed on the carcass a little at a time, he would (circle) for several hundred yards before returning to eat again....We listened intently for 15 to 20 minutes to the barking of the dogs as they circled...Suddenly we heard Champ ...yelping loudly in hound language: 'I've found it, yalp-yalp-yalp! He went this way, yalp-yalp-yalp!' "Old John didn't waste any time either. He swung up into his saddle... 'On your horses, fellows! We mustn't let the dogs get out of hearing if we can help it!'....(later) Old John...could hear the hounds giving the 'tree bark' well below. As the drop-off was so abrupt he advised that we tie up our horses ... and go around the hillside until we could hear the dogs barking...(later) Not a sound could be heard...then 'Yalp,yalp-yalp, yalp' came the tree bark loud and clear...We looked at each other almost in disbelief that we could have been so close and yet not hear a thing. Our facial expressions almost instantly changed from frowns of consternation to smiles of exultation. We eased ourselves over the sharp ridge and went around a turn to see the dogs looking up and barking at a large male mountain lion. "When the wonder and excitement had calmed down, the time for final judgment had arrived. For this particular cat it meant 'the end of the trail.' 'HIS MAJESTY, THE LION' paid dearly for his encroachment upon the human domain."

1922 - (same source) "Before I left his cow camp at Powderhorn Meadow the previous summer, John Guthrie told me that he was going to take about 150 head of steers to summer pasture on Chagoopa Plateau in June of the coming year. He invited me to come ...and he would show me the places he knew as a boy. "The Guthrie Cow Camp was located at Upper Funston Meadow (later named Sky Parlor Meadow) on the southeastern part of the plateau at 9000 ft... "In driving cattle to this summer permit range, the Guthries were required to follow a designated route...(elevations ranging from 6000 to 10,750') "What a drive it must have been, being continuously on the go for about 14 days and over such extensive changes in elevation.... "John Guthrie arrived...three days later with more supplies. We rode together the next two days while he pointed out the things that had been of interest to him while he was there as a boy herding sheep for 'Old Man Funston.'... "John Guthrie had overdone physically and was not feeling too well. He had an important appointment to meet and needed to get back home right away. He thought he better have Jim accompany him, so he asked me if I would stay at the camp and look after the cattle for about ten days until Jim got back. He would leave his cow dog to help me with the cattle...It was September before John Guthrie, four of his boys, and Jim arrived. They composed the crew that had come in to round up the steers for the return drive back to the ranch. I couldn't go on the drive with them as I had to get back to college... Guthrie thanked me quite profusely for looking after his steers for such an extended period. He said that it was too much of a drive, so that he would not bring cattle back to Chagoopa again. He also said that the mountain lions were getting too numerous in the Powderhorn Meadow area. If I could come to his cow camp there the next summer we would do some 'cat hunting' together. ..."

1923 (same source) "In response to the invitation John Guthrie,

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a really outstanding Old Timer, had given me the year before while on Chagoopa Plateau, I arrived at Powderhorn Meadow northwest of California Hot Springs, in June 1923. We would ride after cattle and do some mountain lion hunting together... "The young Guthrie boys, Bob and Beanie, liked to be near the dances and the social activities that occurred in the resort centers. This would leave just Old John and me to be together ...during most of the summer. TRAINING HORSES FOR POLO "...Old John had one or two special horses that he was training, with the idea of selling them to be used as polo ponies. The professional buyers of such horses would always go by and contact John Guthrie to see if he had any horses ready to be sold. Old John wouldn't sell a horse until it had proven not only to be good looking, strong and well proportioned, but it also must have plenty of stamina, be stable in temperament and had been trained to stop and 'turn on a dime.' When he had one ready, he could sell such a horse for perhaps thirty times as much as the price for an ordinary cow horse...

(NOTE: Moody goes on to describe in great detail the lion hunt he and John Guthrie had that summer. The Official California State Lion Hunter would come when called, but lived too far away to be effective so John expected to use his hounds to at least keep the cats on the move through the area covered by his grazing permit. The breathtaking tales Moody tells in his book are testimony to John Guthrie's great skill in this venture.) MAUDINE--A MULE TO REMEMBER "In riding under low limbed trees in mountain lion country, it would be quite desirable to ride a shorter legged sure footed animal with a lower profile than that of a horse. With that in mind John Guthrie had bought a sturdy small mule that had been used in the 'bucking rodeos.' If he could get this good looking female tamed down, it would be just what he wanted... "...All his life he had wanted to get to the top of Mt Whitney...If I would go with him, this was the time. I was all for it... After planting the fish (brought up on Maudine's back) the empty cans needed to be returned to the Ranger Station. Guthrie said that he would put the cans on Maudine and take them down to the Station and come back the same day. "He saddled up a horse that belonged to his daughter, Helen. Leading Maudine at the end of his lasso rope, he started out on the shortcut trail over Powderhorn saddle and down Starvation Canyon... ...(Maudine on a wild bucking spree)..Old John started 'taking his turns' around the saddlehorn with his lasso rope...tried to spur his horse forward to lessen the impact. "His daughter's horse was not trained for such quick action. While trying to get the animal to move forward, Maudine came to the end of the rope and spun around violently. The take-up in a coil of the rope caught Old John's right thumb between the coil and saddlehorn and severed the end joint of his thumb completely from the rest of his hand. "Guthrie did manage to get the mule stopped long enough for him to get off and fasten the lasso rope around a large yellow pine tree. By searching the ground he found the missing joint. He placed it back on his hand as nearly as he could to its former position. He held it there, in close, with his left hand to keep it at body temperature and perhaps afford some blood circulation. "When Old John arrived at the Ranger Station he arranged for emergency transportation to a doctor in Porterville. He also asked that the Ranger at Double Bunk be notified of the situation. Frank Norris, the Ranger there, rode over to tell me what had happened, and that Guthrie wanted me to go over and bring the mule back to Powderhorn....."Our trip to Mt Whitney was off... (much later)... we started our three to four day ride back to the Guthrie Home Ranch. I rode Maudine all the way out. She did not do more than make a quick jump when a limb scraped against my leather chaps. "As...I rode up to the Guthrie Ranch House...we could see Old John out on the front porch 'baby sitting' his healing thumb, the result of his fracas with Maudine.. "He came out to greet us as we approached the hitching rack. Then he

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turned to me and exclaimed: 'When I looked up, I was more than surprised to see you come riding in on Maudine. It was a sight I never expected to see.'

1924 - (Same) "...summer (coming) so I wrote to John Guthrie to learn what his plans were. He replied, 'Come on up and we'll do some more lion hunting where we left off.' I thought that I needed some outdoor recreation before going back to Stanford to get my Masters Degree. "When I arrived at the cow camp at Powderhorn Meadow, Old John was there to welcome me...One of the first things I asked, 'How did your thumb ordeal turn out?' Old John replied, 'Pretty well, better than I expected.' He held up his thumb for closer inspection. "Even though the end joint had been pulled off completely the summer before ... putting it back in place and holding it there had evidently allowed some blood circulation to be re-established. His thumb looked natural enough except that only half of the thumbnail was there and had continued to grow." (NOTE: Moody goes on to describe another lion hunt with John Guthrie.)

1920's - From Jane's DUCOR book: "Whole families gathered (at the Dutch picnics on White River), shared their food, visited, had foot races of various kinds and horse races and ball games...Families came from the White River and Hot Springs areas... I'm sure if there were horse races, my grandfather was actively involved with his race horses. My father used to tell us stories of running in foot races at the Dutch picnic when he was a boy..."

1920's & 1930's - LOS TULARES, Quarterly Journal of the Tulare County Historical Society, March 1986, p 7 has an article by Jane Guthrie Muller on PINE FLAT, which includes: " ... My earliest memories of Pine Flat are in the 1920's and 1930's. Grandma Manter had a small cabin, rent-free courtesy of Mr and Mrs Myers, on the west side of the Flat. Next door Grandpa Guthrie had built a cottage in 1923. No matter how large the family gathering, we had plenty of room, for we could eat and sleep outside in the wide open space between us and the Iron Spring. We were there in early August 1923 when President Harding died. The family next door on the other side of the Manter cabin had a radio, outside in their back yard on a table built against a big pine tree, and my father came back from listening to the radio broadcast of Harding's death, looking profoundly shocked. ..."

1929 - Undated, unattributed clipping in Aunt Ora's scrapbook:
 "OLDEST CATTLE RAISER HERE IS TAKEN BY DEATH - "J F Guthrie Resident of Hills 57 Years; Saw County Grow - John Franklin Guthrie, 63, a resident of the White River country for the past 57 years, passed away shortly after midnight Saturday night in a Fresno hospital. He had been in failing health for some time, and has been at the home of his son, C L Guthrie, in this city. He was taken to Fresno last Friday in the fire department ambulance. "Mr Guthrie was said to be the oldest cattleman in the south San Joaquin valley, considering the years that he had been in the cattle-raising industry, and had a wide acquaintance among the cattlemen of the state. He came to the White River country as a child of six years in November, 1872. He had lived in the same spot and used the same spring since that early period in the county's history. In 1884 he was married to Miss Mary Ellen White, who was a native of Glennville, in Kern county. She died in 1924. Last November he was married to Miss Elizabeth Houghton of California Hot Springs.
 "Besides his widow, Mr Guthrie is survived by seven children. They are C L Guthrie, Wilfred Guthrie, Mrs Guy Hughes, Guy Guthrie, Robert Guthrie, Everett Guthrie and Helen Guthrie. Three sisters, Mrs F F Dent, Mrs E A Uhl and Miss Laura Guthrie, and a brother, W H Guthrie, also survive. There are also seven grandchildren. All of the surviving relatives are residents of this city and

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district.

"Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Loyd chapel, with Rev Lee A Wood of Fresno, former pastor of St John's Episcopal church of this city, officiating. Interment was in the Home of Peace cemetery...

"Mr Guthrie was a native of California, having been born in Sonoma county, March 5 1866. He was one of eastern Tulare county's most highly respected citizens, and his sons and daughters share the same high esteem."
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John, Sarah and Will Guthrie
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 1885 - Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE b 12 Sep 1885, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 m Florence Aleen "Flo" MANTER 14 Aug 1910, Fresno, Fresno Co, CA
 d 27 Jan 1946, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Bald Mountain Cemetery, White River, Tulare Co, CA

PLEASE see Florence Aleen MANTER Notes for more information on Less.

1885 - 12 Sep - from Jane Guthrie Muller's GRANDMA JIN essay written for her brother John in 1972:

"... In December 1884 John married Mary Ellen White and brought her to live in Grandma Jin's house....The following September Mary rode over to visit her sister Etta (widow of Reuben Franklin Box Jr and pregnant with her first and only child, Ruby) at the Oldfield place, helped chase the milk calf back into the corral and began to have pains. Grandma Jin had time to get there and deliver Charles Lester and keep him alive because he was premature and weighed less than three pounds. For him she was always the loved one, the refuge. ..."

1885 - In Jane's CHILDHOOD MEMORIES 1917-1927 she relates how her father was named: (Less) "I was named Charles Lester for Mama's father, Charles White, and for Dad's friend, Less Lewis. When they were kids together herding sheep, they'd decided to name their first sons after each other and they did. ... Well, as soon as I was old enough to be taken out, Dad put me on a pillow in front of him on the saddle and rode over to show Less Lewis his new son. Less meanwhile had had his first-born, a fat little healthy girl, and there I was a scrawny little boy--but I guess that didn't matter to the young fathers. ..."

1890's - (GRANDMA JIN, as above) "...Pop would sit down on the floor and put his head in Grandma Jin's lap and she would rub his back and neck and head with her good rubbing hand, all the while talking to him. I like to think she encouraged his interest in his studies knowing that he had a mind which made his teacher, Mrs Hastings, say he was the brightest student she'd ever had. She (Grandma Jin) must have passed on to him her ideals..."

1890's - Jane recounts some of her dad's hunting stories in CHILDHOOD MEMORIES 1917-1927: "One time Dad and I were hunting wild hogs up on Blackberry. I came around a rock and there, hiding in a big crevice, was a big old boar. He started after me, and I just had time to reach a tree with a limb I could grab when I jumped for it. Well, he'd make a run at me, and I'd chin myself in a hurry--then I'd ease down and here he'd come again and up I'd go. Finally, Dad came and shot him, so we had ham and bacon and lard for awhile." "Another time we were following a bobcat down Chelaney, when the dogs got him to go up a tree and were there at the bottom, baying and waiting for Dad to ride up to shoot it. The darned cat was in a spot where we couldn't see to shoot it, so I climbed up to get it to move. When I took off my hat and waved it at the bobcat, to scare it way from that limb, he took a bite out of my hat brim! Anyway, Dad finally shot him. ..."

1896 - Neva Porch Hastings book pp11-12: "On Sunday June 9, 1946, I was honored with a picnic at Murray Park which was attended by some 300 former school pupils and their families. "It was the idea of State Assemblyman Les Guthrie to honor me as it had been just 50 years since I had taught him at Grape Vine, between White River and California Hot Springs at a summer school. Mr Guthrie having passed away just

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before this, his plan was carried to completion by a committee." In her talk that day she said that Less Guthrie was the brightest pupil she ever had.

1901 - As of 6 Feb 1901 Less Guthrie was going to school in Santa Rosa.
(PLEASE see Sarah Jane BOX Notes for 2 letters to Less at this time)

1910 - 1928 - from Jane's CHILDHOOD MEMORIES 1917-1927:

"...Less Guthrie and Flo Manter were married in August 1910. Less had ridden horseback to Visalia to file on the 160 acres on the south side of Cummins Mountain, extending down to White River, a little stream that usually dried up in the summer. They had to live on the property for five years to 'prove up' on it; later he could file for additional claims on the adjoining property. At first, he had bought the Weger place up the road from his father's home and thought he and Flo could live there, but the requirement of living on the Homestead made him decide to build a house over there and sell the Weger place to Grandpa. Less and Old Man Myers, the local carpenter, tore down the Weger house and used all the lumber they could salvage in building the new bungalow, which they painted green with white trim.."

"...Papa soon had a reputation as a trustworthy man and a good credit risk because he was ambitious, hard-working, honest and intelligent. Consequently, when an opportunity came to buy more land, he could borrow the money for the down payment. He heard of that opportunity in the spring when the cattlemen were gathering at various places to have rodeos...By then most of the homesteads had been fenced, but there was still open country where the cattle mingled...Mont James, a black cowboy who worked for Mrs Carver..remarked (that Mrs Carver wanted to sell Coho)...a very interesting piece of information because that field was a prize, big and not many miles away....before daylight, Less was on his horse riding up the trail over Bald Mountain to Lynn's Valley to see Mrs Carver...She agreed to sell it to him, and the deal was made; ...She had decided to sell (because) it was easier to divide money (than land)."

"...A year or two later...Ma (Manter) decided to 'prove up' on a homestead on the east side of Bald Mountain...well, when the homestead was hers, she sold it to Papa for five hundred dollars, a generous amount at the time; with that money and the income from the sale of the two houses, she could feel independent the rest of her life...

"It was in 1920 that Papa bought the Hyle place that connected the Homestead with Coho. Mr and Mrs Hyle had driven over in their wagon to ask him if he would buy it, for Mr Hyle was discouraged with the dry years...The dry years were difficult for Papa and Mama, but they were young and confident and closed the deal..(after) signing the papers and making the down payment, just as they drove into the yard it began to sprinkle, and the rest of that spring they had a good amount of rain and plenty of green grass.... "After about a year they decided to move...to the Hyle ranch. Mama didn't want to because she loved her pretty little house there on the Homestead, but Papa said it would be much easier for him to tend to the cattle from there as it was centrally located and closer to Coho....The old house...was a dirty mess, dark and gloomy and chopped into little rooms..They couldn't afford to hire a carpenter and decided to do the remodeling themselves, over a period of many months because Papa had to stop to plow the hayfields and take care of the cattle."

"...Finally, in the late fall of 1922, they were almost finished and ready to move in..not enough money for linoleum...planned to put oil on the bare floors Papa had a big fire going in the wood stove...and was heating oil in various pots. Impatient as always, he dipped in his brush to see if it were hot enough and dribbled some on the stove, which caught fire and made the whole thing blaze. He darted out and in the door carrying shovelsfull of wet sand (fortunately it was drizzling rain) to throw on the stove and blazing wall...

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"...Shortly before Christmas we all moved in, and Christmas day Mama cooked a big turkey dinner... By 1928 we had bought the house and land at Shake Camp and spent the rest of our summers there, close to the cattle in the mountains. "...Then came the fall of 1927 when we stayed at the Isham apartment in Porterville during the week so that John could go to high school, and we entered a new phase."

1913-1916 - Excerpts from letters from Less to Flo after their marriage.

- 1) 23 Oct 1913 - addressed to Flo c/o her mother in Porterville
before John's birth Nov. 27)

"My little 'Slim' Girl:...I'm not going to tell you how lonesome I am... I came home and boiled me some skinned potatoes and opened up a jar of your beans and honest to goodness, Floss, they are the best things I ever ate. I put a slice of ham and some salt in them and I ate the whole jar for dinner...went up to meet Dad with a hundred head of cattle... Fred and Guy went to the races at Glennville, ...Had a big time. Guy Hughes won \$24 on Shorty. Wouldn't you hate to hear him spout?... Aunt Fannie Dent spent two nights at the ranch... "...and now that you are so brave and unselfish in bringing into the world the one joy that will make my life divine--you have grown to be truly mine, and there is no power on earth can change my happiness as long as you and Garth are mine. (They had thought to name the baby Garth because that was the name of a hero in a novel they liked.) I do want Garth to be a boy, but if she will hurry and come to see her old dad I'll forgive her... Your loving husband, Less"

2) 10 Nov 1913 - "...I feel fine this evening. Just Nip and I and the moonlight. It's pretty tough to have to look at Bald Mountain all alone these beautiful evenings. I stood in the yard this evening, just at sundown, among the beautiful chrysanthamums you had planted and thot how happy we had always been together in this little home, and Flo, it seemed to me as tho God had truly made us for each other...When I came in and lighted the lamp, there on the couch was John's beautiful blanket Alex sent... (They had changed the name of the baby to John by then.)...We have had good luck finding cattle. Are only out about ten head....I took a cow to the Springs. Brot me a little better than \$50....The reason I can go day and night after these cattle is that the fruits of it all will bring happiness and pleasure to all of us...Mamma sent me over a box. A jar of milk custard, of chowder, hominy, some apples, a bag of bread and some butter..."

3) AFTER 27 Nov 1913 when John was born: "My Dear Wife and Baby:... I'm certainly counting the hours until you and John will be here with me, and life will be one long song. It will be a beautiful song to me, even tho John joins in the chorus at 2:00 AM and I stub my toe digging him out of his dry goods box. How is the old scout by now? Bless his old life, do you know I'm just dying to see him...It seems like a year since I left you, but I've put in some good licks to keep from getting lonesome. I've got the field west of the barn almost plowed...My summer fallow is up and certainly looks grand. I've gotten about twenty turkey eggs saved up and about a dozen hen eggs. The stock look fine, and grass is good....The flowers are still beautiful and the garden is up just great...I'm getting the hogs lined up over here preparatory to visiting you with them...first part of next week, I think...Jinny (Grandma Jin - Sarah Jane Box Guthrie) came over to wash up the sheets and dish towels and make bread. She is going home in the morning. ...I'm the happiest husband and father on earth and when you get home, then Floss, it will be sublime..."

4) Undated - but soon after the one above: "My Dearest Wife and Son: I thot I would be down with the hogs tomorrow and see you, but the Indians have a heifer of mine over on the Reservation and also some of Atkins', so he and I are going over after them in the morning. They were in the corral at the Agency yesterday...I certainly want to see you two fellows and I'm

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 certainly going to have lots of money for you to blow in this summer if the season keeps up. It's certainly great...Kiss John for his loving Dad"

5) 17 Aug 1916 - "My family: Well, we are here in Berkeley tonight. Got here from Fresno...after a successful run. Will go on to Petaluma in the morning. As yet I haven't found out a thing in a business way, but will try and let you know just as soon as I do..I'll tell you, Flo, this being away from you isn't what it's cracked up to be. When I saw familiar landmarks we saw together last year---well--(They, with Less' parents and Helen, his sister, had gone to the 1915 Exposition with Frank Moody in his car)..."

6) 19 Aug 1916, Hotel Plaza, Healdsburg: "My Dear Wife and Son: Well, here I am away up here and I'll tell you I'm not coming away anymore without you no matter if I can buy all the cattle in Sonoma County. We came up to Petaluma yesterday...and ran into lots of cattle there but mostly dairy stuff. We heard there were better cattle here but...haven't found anything good...We have several outfits on the string, tho, and may hook up to something yet. They are cheap but not the right stuff...I never knew two guys that didn't amount to much could come into a fellow's life and amount to the whole thing. That's you and my little man. How's 'Pete'? (Flo was pregnant with Jane)..."

7) 22 Aug St Cecilia Hotel, San Francisco:
 "My Dear Ones: Here I am in the same room Dad had when he was in S.F. last year. We came down from Sonoma last night on some business...we can't get away until tomorrow evening...Honestly, Floss, it is a good thing to get away from each other once in a while. It shows me how you have grown into my life and nothing can ever come between us...And my dear little John. I never stop to think of you, I can't, I'd get too lonesome...Well, we never found any suitable cattle but got lots of good things started for fall or next year...We are going to look for you in Porterville but if you aren't there I will go on home. I love you more than when you were my--just my girl--and nothing can compare with my little man--and 'Pete.' Papa"

8) Dec 1916 - (On envelope, "Kindness of Beany") "My Dear Family: We are going to put some cattle up on Sec 5 today and I'm all saddled ready to start but... I'm going to drop you fellows a line and send it down by Beany, who came up last night...Well, Flo, don't look too strong for me Wednesday but I'll sure show up Thursday. Think Dad and Mamma are coming too...There never was a man who wanted to see his family as I do and especially my daughter. If you give me a son, I'll--well, I'll love it just like I do the rest of my outfit. Love to Mother (Manter). Tell John to have on his Sunday pants Thursday for dinner. Kisses from Papa"

9) Late December: "My Dear Ones: Guy Hughes is going to White River this morning, and I'm going to send a few lines to my large family. If you want me to stay up here and work for you, you must see that there are no more rainy days... The grain is coming up fine. Everything is just grand. Two hens laying...Flo, you don't know how I enjoyed Christmas, even tho you and John had a spell. To see that gent in his new clothes on his tricycle was worth a fortune to me. Won't it be grand when we can have a tree here at home for both of them?...Kiss my little man for me, love to 'Ma' (Grandma Manter), and dearest girl, everything for you and our baby. Less" (NOTE: The baby, Jane Ellen, was born January 10, 1917, and Less brought his family home in the spring wagon, with the baby in a clothes basket behind the seat.)

1936 - Jane sent the text of a Pioneer Day talk by Less at the Tulare Co Fair. There are excerpts at the end of Sarah Jane Box Notes, and I include a few here: "Folks, I feel mighty humble standing here before you. It has never been my privilege to talk to a group of people for whom I have more respect, appreciation or more genuine friendliness. For more than fifty years I have dwelt among you and have never passed your door hungry or with a hungry horse or dog."

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For more than eighty years my people have had business dealings with you without the benefit of contract or signature. Your word was as good as your bond.

"I shall talk to you this afternoon about the pioneer....Early in life I learned to respect and love the humble man...we have looked upon the picture of the pioneer grandmother, the pioneer mother, and the pioneer neighbor. There is another generation deserving our consideration, your children's children. Perhaps your granddaughter displays more of her person than she does of her personality. Perhaps your grandson is primarily interested in a good time and is indifferent to assuming responsibilities. We see a lot of mischievous youngsters, but remember there are many more youngsters in the community than there were when we were young, and the percentage of viciousness and wrongdoing is no greater now than then. There is a frankness, an understanding between the youth of today that is healthful. The mask of ignorance and superstition has been laid aside and the facts of life are dealt with as facts. ..."

1943 - Aunta Anita's 1943 scrapbook has two photos including Less Guthrie:

1) from the Sacramento Bee, Thursday, January 7, 1943:

"This is the way state assemblymen look when they are being sworn into office, in groups...in this picture....C. L. Guthrie, Tulare County..."

2) Magazine photo: "IN APPRECIATION - Over 30 livestock men, members of the San Joaquin Experiment Station Advisory Committee and friends gathered at O'Neals April 25th to pay their respects to Jesse W Nelson, retiring director. Those in the picture... C. L. Guthrie, Porterville; John H Guthrie, Porterville."

bef 1946- From research at the California Historical Society in San Francisco, CHS Quarterly Vol XXII p 192: "C L Guthrie is a member of the California State Assembly from Tulare Co, a director of the Farm Credit Administration, and an authority on stock horses, judging them at horse shows and county fairs. His grandfather, Washington Guthrie, came from Kentucky in 1848, bringing with him thoroughbred horses. The family moved to Tulare County in 1872 and raised horses and cattle on their ranch near Porterville. Guthrie horses figured in quarter-horse races all over the Western states and one even went to England as a polo horse." (from a section labelled "Marginalia")

1946 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook, clippings dated Jan 28:

1) "STATE SOLON STRICKEN AT SANTA ROSA -

"Assemblyman C L Guthrie, D, Porterville, died unexpectedly here last night.

"Dr C A Carlson said the assemblyman was stricken with a heart attack.

"The body was removed to the Welti funeral parlors and Undertaker L Fritzhe said he would take it to Porterville.

"Assemblyman Guthrie came here from Porterville to address the annual dinner meeting of a cooperative financial agency for farmers.

"Immediately after finishing his address, Guthrie collapsed and was rushed to the Sonoma county hospital by ambulance.

"Representatives from three counties, about 100 in number, attended the session.

"Guthrie was born on a cattle ranch near Porterville Sept 12 1885. He had been in the cattle business since 1906. He was elected to the assembly in 1942 as a democrat and re-elected in 1944.

"Survivors include the widow, Florence, and one son and one daughter.

"Governor Warren Pays Tribute - Governor Warren paid tribute to the memory of Assemblyman Guthrie today in the following statement: 'He was one of the finest men I ever met in public office and one of the most beloved men in the legislature. He was a plain citizen, and thought in terms of plain citizens in everything that he did. He had no concern other than the welfare of the people. His passing is a loss to this state.'

"Rev T Phelps, chaplain of the assembly, paid tribute to Guthrie in his opening

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prayer before that body adjourned in respect to the late member.

"Assemblyman C F Gannon, Sacramento, moved, and an order was adopted, that an engrossed (?embossed?) copy of the prayer be prepared and sent to the widow.

"The assembly adopted a resolution expressing regret over the death of Guthrie and the personal sorrow of his colleagues.

"Assemblymen At Funeral - A committee of seven assemblymen was appointed to attend the funeral of Assemblyman C L Guthrie, in Porterville today."

1946 -from the Examiner Bureau, Sacramento, Jan 28:

"...The message was presented as the Assembly, saddened by the death last night of one of its members, Charles L Guthrie, Porterville cattleman, adjourned until tomorrow without transacting any business. The full employment bill...

HEART ATTACK - The Senate also adjourned in tribute to Mr Guthrie's memory.

"Assemblyman Guthrie succumbed to a heart attack in Santa Rosa, where he had gone to address the Grange. The 60 year old Democrat represented the Thirty-sixth district, comprising Kings and Tulare counties. He had planned to run for the State Senate this year to succeed Senator Frank W Mixter of Exeter, who wants to retire...."

1946 - Less was buried at the Bald Mountain Cemetery in White River, a single gravestone for him and Flo. (See WHERE AND WHEN)

1958 - Full page undated, unattributed clipping in Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook relates Mrs Neva Hastings experience of 48 years in the Tulare County schools. An excerpt from the article: "Among those who attended Salem and Grapevine, when I taught there, were the late Lester Guthrie...Miss Kathryn McCabe...Uhls and the Sam Box children."

1985 - Dec letter from Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER with regard to the Guthrie family home in Porterville: "...The present plan is that Mom's home will belong to Less' (John Lester Guthrie) children in trust and Marian will live there to maintain it for her grandchildren. It's awfully good of her, because such a big house is a burden. We are all pleased that she consented....."



The Less Guthrie home in Porterville as it looked in Aug 1987. Jane and Alice just entering.



Less and Dot "in the olden days"

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1891 - Florence Aleen "Flo" MANTER b 12 Aug 1891, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Thompson MANTER & Sarah Jane ARMSTEAD
 m Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE 14 Aug 1910, Fresno, Fresno Co, CA
 d 27 Dec 1984, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Bald Mountain Cemetery, White River, Tulare Co, CA

PLEASE see Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE Notes for more information

1898 - Flo was bitten by a rattlesnake at the age of 7, and her left hand was crippled from that time on.

Excerpts from Jane Guthrie Muller's book, LETTERS OF FLO AND LESS 1907 - 1910:
 From Flo in San Francisco 7 Oct 1907: "Well, we have at last reached our destination. We got to San Francisco last night...

This morning Mama, Gus (her sister Maude's husband) and myself went to Heald's Business College and made arrangements for me to enter that school. I will start in the morning...The professors seem very nice...The college has just been completed and...everything is so fresh and clean. The College is located on McAllister St so I have about eight blocks to go. I think I will walk because that will be good exercise... Last Thursday as I left Pine Flat...I took a farewell look at the dance hall where I had spent so many, many pleasant evenings and then I looked down through the Flat and wondered if that would be the last time I would ever see my dear old home...I did not realize that I was coming so far away from my home and friends...but still, you can't imagine how glad I was to have a chance to get out and learn the ways of other people and be in the city and see something and to get an education. That is something that all people don't have so I consider myself very, very fortunate indeed...

and Less replied on Fri the 11th:

"...so glad to know you were located and had made those definite arrangements you have wanted so long. Flo, I think your letter was beautiful, and when you mentioned that farewell look in your letter it caused a sadness over me that I cannot shake off. But you take a gritty, sensible look upon Life, and its holdings for you, and my dear Flo, you cannot fail in anything you attempt...When you speak of learning the ways of other people, it only adds to the loneliness, for it's hard to forever give up that little cowboy lass who has brot so many bright moments into this world with her purity and unselfishness...and Less loved you just for what you were when you left us...We are gritty tho and anything that will add to the pleasures of life as you pass thru it, we are glad for you to acquire and only hope we can aid you in ten thousand ways.. "I know right where you are living. It is only a few blocks away to my old college...Flo, as these old autumn leaves patter down upon the ground they seem to be singing a little dirge, for you are gone, and with you went more of Less than he could realize at first. Good night, dear girl, and good luck..."

From Flo 25 Oct: "...I am getting along quite nicely in school and like it fine...I do not care anything about going here at all and if I was home I would break my neck to go twenty miles to a dance...Last Saturday we went down on Fillmore St., you know that is the principal street since the fire..."

Less 28 Oct: "...I'm getting along pretty well...making about \$4 per day... I'm nicely situated at Aunt Fannie's and enjoy every minute I'm not working..."

Less 10 Nov: "...I'm making \$5 per day now too so you can see the First National Bank will soon have to build an addition to hold my money..."

Flo 16 Nov: "We have some boarders and as I am waiting I thought I would write... this afternoon I have to study. I will be so glad when I get through studying because that is all I have done for the last eight years...I would like to be...down by Capinero creek where it is perfectly quiet and then in the evening instead of listening to the buzz of street cars and automobiles,

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to sit by the fire in the dim light of a lamp and listen to the song of the beautiful pines and to be engaged in a good old game of 'Pedro' and then go to bed and sleep while guarded by the silence of everything but the pines and in the morning to awaken and find myself in the same quiet place and know that the wind will not blow me off my feet when I step outside the door. This is what I long for and what I never knew how to appreciate until I came here..."

Flo 2 Feb 1908: "...Mama and I went to the Princess Theatre yesterday afternoon and saw 'Floradora'...a quite swell affair..."

Flo 21 Feb: "...I have seen three very swell plays... 'Are You a Mason,' 'In the Bishop's Carriage' and 'The Virginian.'...I am perfectly crazy over a good play....Now I will give you to understand that your sister (Dot) is not the only school-marm in the United States as Miss Florence Manter of San Francisco was employed in Heald's ...as a Shorthand teacher--for a few days--as...one of the teachers was ill...Oh, I am so swelled up that I have to put my hat on with a shoehorn every morning...I really do not know what is going to become of me as I think of nothing but shows and shorthand..."

Less - Mar: "...I've been breaking a broncho. Call her 'Jeanne.' She planted me on a mossy bank with my wrong end turned toward the azure skies...When I regained my equilibrium and found that my head felt like two turnips instead of the customary one I compromised and led her quite a spell..."

Less 13 May: "...Papa and I are lovely friends he volunteered to let me drive his favorite horse Jumbo up after you next Friday night, so if you see a snuff colored streak come tearing down the main stem of your peaceful farm about sundown you bet it's I...Jeanne and I collided with a tree this morning and I lost two smiles, three features, and four square yards of my choicest hide from the right side of my face and I'm afraid you'll be ashamed of me..."

Flo 16 May: "...I wonder what Dot would think if she knew what you and I alone know (that they planned to marry)."

Flo 21 Oct: "At last I can say that I have a position. Yes, I went out on one with Hobbs, Parsons Co. today...It is a wholesale fruit and vegetable company and although I have only worked there a half a day I like it quite well. My salary is \$30 per to start in with...Well, I will try my best and maybe when I get on to their ways of doing things I will give satisfaction and won't get fired but, oh my, I am powerful scared...."

Flo 24 Oct: "Yes, I am worth all kinds of money now as I have been working most four days...but oh, gee, I am dead to the world when I get home at night. I have quite long hours...from 8AM to 5:30 and 6:00 PM... The first afternoon I had sixteen letters, the next day thirty-two, yesterday thirty-four and today I had twenty-five...I will own half of Fresno next time I see you. Everyone seems to think that I am with a splendid company..."

Less mid-Dec: "... I'm oh, so happy cause you are coming. There is to be a big dance in White River Friday night and Dot, Guy, you and I are going in the old spring wagon, just as we did before...Won't it be grand?..."

Less 17 Jan 1909: "I got a five year permit to take my cattle to the mountains yesterday. Only those whose conduct toward the rangers, etc, had been satisfactory get them.. We have the steers gathered and it's a good bunch. We have over four car-loads and they are big ones..."

Flo 14 Feb: "I had a half day off Friday, so Mama and I went to the exercises which were held in the Garton in honor of Lincoln's one hundredth birthday. They were fine and we enjoyed them very much..."

Less, undated"...I caught up a new horse this morning and as he looked all peaceful like I climbed aboard his anatomy full of calm content and confidence, but there was something stirring from the jump and I wish to state very plainly that it was your humble servant. I beat that saddle with my person like a snare drum but every time I came down I was fortunate enough to light in the vicinity of the proper location so by and by the horse got tired of acting so scandalous

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and we signed a treaty of peace with me on top but barely living, that's all."

Less 22 Mar "...Guess we weren't very well acquainted about that time (1903) I was going to study medicine and expected to be practicing by this time, and here I am, a cow puncher.... 'Paid in Full' was the play that stuck to me. It was so true and was carried out among refined surroundings and that is what I like. I certainly love refinement when it is perfectly natural and honest...One of my old teachers in Santa Rosa is now in Lindsay and is coming to visit us soon. Wonder if she will be disappointed in the way I grew up without making a living thru the Latin she taught me..."

Flo 6 Apr - "Lillian Russell, a very noted actress, will be here Sunday.. I will engage tickets today so we can get good seats." (Less came for Easter)

Less 13 Apr - "I came down from Fresno with Mr Boston and at Visalia we picked up Mr Bryant, the minister. I thot I'd die riding along with those two good religious men for I couldn't say damn it everytime I thot of leaving you and I had to talk of the beauties of nature and how sweet it was to live while all the time there was hell, hell, hell within me...Come home to us, little heart, come home to us, for you are all that's missing in this grand universe."

Flo 29 May - "This is my last day in the office. I quit tonight...Tuesday we will pack and leave Wednesday morning...in Portersville Thursday AM..

Less 22 Sep - "...I've swung into work again in earnest...It's a cheerful duty now, a duty to Dad, for our partnership interests make it that, one I owe my Flo, and one I owe to myself...It's going to be a great year for me, dear, for I'm going to live expecting it to be the last I 'hike' thru these mountains alone...Helen and I don't get along well at all. I guess she knows I'm an amateur nurse and she seems to feel the disgrace keenly." (Helen was his baby sister born 9 Aug 1909, 24 years his junior)

Less 23 Nov - "...Dad talked to me about an hour about our plans, yours and mine, and they will certainly all be realized. He is certainly happy for us."

Flo 18 Jan 1910 - "...Now for my honest opinion about the homestead. It doesn't disappoint me in the least--in fact, I think it would be a great beginning. (They had planned to live on the Weger place until they found they would have to live on the homestead to prove up on it)...I would willingly go back on old Kern and live in a tent if I knew it was ours..."

Flo 4 Apr - "...Gee, five months from last Friday--I'm kinda scared already, aren't you? Sometimes it's kinda funny but sometimes it's awfully serious..." (They were married 14 Aug 1910)

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING: (re party to announce engagement)

"Although it was not unexpected, the announcement of the engagement of Miss Florence Manter of this city to Charles Lester Guthrie of White River, came somewhat as a surprise. The announcement was made last Monday evening at a reception given by Miss Manter to 'The Girls,' of which society she is a member. Unusually clever was the manner in which the secret was 'let out.' A messenger arrived with a telegram addressed to the secretary of the club. 'Flo and Less are going to jump over the broomstick in the near future,' read the message. It was signed 'Cupid.' Miss Manter received the hearty congratulations of her friends. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, the table being decorated with roses. When the cake was cut Miss Jennie Hodges drew the ring and Miss Sallie Hoke the thimble... Miss Manter is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Manter and is popular in the younger set. Guthrie is the son of Mr and Mrs John Guthrie of White River. He is a member of the Sequoia Club and also prominent in lodge life. The date of the wedding has not been announced."

1910 - Letter from Flo 24 May: "...Isn't it funny to pick out things? (They had a catalogue from Alex Williams, who owned a store in Jerome, Arizona, where Less had worked)... I will be glad when we

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are settled. Won't it be great to arrange every- thing?...Less, I have our home all completed in my mind. I have my house all cleaned up and my flowers started and I have more garden planted to the square inch than you ever saw. Oh, yes, and I have a wood shed full of wood. Aren't you glad I have it all done?..."

1910 - 15 Aug from Flo in Fresno: "My dear Mama: Well, we were married yesterday and everything was perfectly lovely. Less had made all preparations before I got here and we were married just as the clock struck one. The Pastor of the Baptist Church performed the ceremony, his wife and daughter being the witnesses. We are very nicely situated, but as Less said, home looks best to both of us, and I think we will drive into the old Pine Flat gate before many days...My dress didn't come so I just wore my linen one and I am just as happy as though it had been Satin....Were the folks up there very much surprised? Well, Mama, I am going to close as it is most time for this to go. Give everyone my love and save a big share for yourself. Your loving Flossie"

.....and from Less, same place, same date:

"Dear Mother: I'm sending this to you and Hiram's folks too and before we go any further I want you all to know that I'm the proudest and happiest member of the whole 'durn' Manter family. I'm going to let my wife tell you about the wedding. I will simply say that to me it was all that is beautiful and good and I can never understand how anything but good can come from such a union. We are nicely situated at the Fulton Hotel--the old Grand Central--but I'm afraid home looks good to us and will grab us mighty quick. Well, good bye, Mother. You and God Almighty have been good to me in giving such a treasure into my home and to make you proud of your goodness will ever be my aim. As I said in the beginning, please let Hi share this message with you for the happy thots I'm sending are certainly big enough to go around. With love, I am, Your Son, Less" (NOTE: 'Tis a pity the entire 96-page book cannot be duplicated here. It is a treasure in so many ways, and exhibits the depth of character, the witty humor, the deep sense of family and the growing love and affection between these two captivating and strong personalities.)

1981 - 22 Aug - Porterville, Cal Recorder, Page 5, Community Scene by Barbara Squires, Society Editor:

"Florence Guthrie marks 90th birthday - "During a family reunion Florence (Flossie) Guthrie was guest of honor at a party to celebrate her 90th birthday. The affair was held at the Ducor home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Francis Muller, and was co-hosted by her daughter-in-law, Marian Guthrie, wife of the late John Guthrie.

"Among those present were Mrs Guthrie's 11 grandchildren; the nine children of the Mullers and two of the Guthries. All but three of Mrs Guthrie's many great-grandchildren were present... "A special gift to the honoree was a leather bound book of letters to her from each of her grandchildren telling of their remembrances of her and the influence she had on their lives... Her father, the late John Manter, operated a flour mill there and also had a flour and feed store 'across town.'

"The mill, Mrs Guthrie recalls, was built in 1865 and run by water power, the water being diverted from the Tule River six miles above the mill to gain elevation... 'When the mill was shut down for the night,' she said, 'the power was used to generate electricity to light the street lights downtown...There wasn't enough electricity to light much--- just a few lights on Main Street. "'The different lodges in town had their meetings up above Burford's store on the west side of Main between Mill and Oak. I guess there were a couple of lights up there, too, because one time after an Eastern Star meeting they forgot to turn off the light in the cloak room and the next day there was an awful scolding about it for using all that power.'

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"When she was a child, since her father didn't like the milling business, he sold his interest in the mill to A A Leslie, an experienced miller from San Francisco whom Manter sent for some time earlier.

"Manter moved his house and family from the 'adobe' part of town to the south side where the soil was sandy. 'He was tired of having adobe mud up to the axles of his wagon,' Mrs Guthrie said.

"As a child the family also lived above Pine Flat at Capinero where Manter had a saw mill and homesteaded property. The family divided its time between Capinero and Porterville where the children went to school.

"Mrs Guthrie's remembrances of early Porterville are vivid and many have been recorded with the help of her daughter, Jane.

"After going to Morton Street School in the higher grades, at 16 Mrs Guthrie went to Heald's Business College in San Francisco. Her first job was in Fresno and in 1909 returned to Porterville where she kept books for a feed store.

"By then she was engaged to the late Less Guthrie and they were married Aug 14 1910 in Fresno and began their life together on a homestead near Porterville. They were members of Eastern Star and Alta Dancing Club and came to town from their White River homestead once a month and returned the next day. It took four hours by buggy coming and five hours returning, 'Old Colonel had to rest more going uphill.'

"Guthrie, a cattle rancher, served two terms in the California Assembly and was going to run for State Senate at the time of his death in 1946.

"Mrs Guthrie is a member of several organizations including Eastern Star, Women's Club, a bridge club and Tulare County CowBelles. She was CowBelles' 'Mom of the Year' in 1962"

1985 -23 Jan letter from Jane: "Dear Alice....I wanted to tell you that my mother died two days after Christmas... a bad cold resulted in pneumonia, so that we took her to the hospital the Saturday before Christmas. The funeral was Saturday afternoon, the 29th.

"Sunday morning at ten we and friends and neighbors met at White River Cemetery to bury her between my father and my brother, where she most wanted to be, there on the ranch she and my father developed. Because it is on private property, it was a sort of pioneer throwback, an old fashioned service with Marian's son, Less, saying a few eloquent words about his grandmother, and my son, Stephen, leading us in prayer. The lowering of the coffin and the shoveling of the granite was done by pall bearers (past and present hired men) and grandsons (all five of our sons were there, too). There in the lovely, serene green hills there was a feeling of a life well lived and brought to a suitable end.



Flo and Jane, Ducor, CA
16 May 1983

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1913 - John Hiram GUTHRIE b 27 Nov 1913, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE & Florence Aleen "Flo" MANTER
 m Marian Elizabeth KLEINHANS 26 Dec 1935, Yuma, Yuma Co, AZ
 d 18 Sep 1973, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Bald Mountain Cemetery, White River, Tulare Co, CA

1944 - John Lester "Less" b 17 Sep (adopted) m Claudia HOLDENER (b 19 Feb 1947)
 Children: John Charles b 12 Nov 1968; Jennifer Elizabeth b 17 May 1971;
 Jason Lester b 3 May 1977;

1948 - Lou Ann b 26 Feb (adopted) m 1) John WELDON 1967 (div); 2 children:
 Mellisa Jane b 4 Feb 1970; Michael John b 9 Jun 1973
 m 2) Bruce SALMONSON 1987

1946 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook - Sacramento Bee photo, clipping marked by Aunt Anita "Dec 16, 46"- "John H Guthrie of Porterville, seated, was elected president of the California Cattlemens Association at the closing session of the state convention here Saturday... Article: "Tulare County Man Will Head Cattlemen - John H Guthrie of Porterville, Tulare County, is the new president of the California Cattlemens Association. He was elected by the board of directors Saturday afternoon at the final business session of the association's annual convention here... Guthrie served the last year as first vice president..."

1956 - (Same source) clipping: A very good photo of John in his Stetson is captioned: "CHOSEN - California's Livestock Man of the Year for 1956 is John H Guthrie, Porterville who will be honored this month at a San Francisco luncheon and next month at the Grand National Livestock Exposition at the Cow Palace.

"Livestock Man of Year Will Be Honored (NOTE: Someone wrote next to this headline for the story and to the left of the picture: "Looks like Mr Zane.")

"John H Guthrie, Porterville cattle ranch operator and former president of the California Cattlemen's Association, has been named California Livestock Man of the Year by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in its annual quest for the man contributing most importantly to the state's livestock industry.

"Selected by 20 livestock industry leaders from all sections of the state, Guthrie will receive a silver tray and honors during Chamber of Commerce Night at the Grand National Livestock Exposition in San Francisco's famed Cow Palace Nov 3. His portrait will be hung permanently with those of previous winners in a special niche at the Cow Palace.

"Guthrie also will be feted at an Oct 16 press conference and industry luncheon in San Francisco's Fairmount Hotel in his honor and in salute to the coming exposition, which attracts many thousands from all over the West.

"SINCE 1950 - The San Francisco Chamber award has been made yearly since 1950 to spotlight worthy achievements in the livestock field and to give evidence of San Francisco's recognition of the importance of the industry in California.

"Guthrie was selected, according to Henry Schacht, chairman, 'because he has contributed so outstandingly to the progress of the beef cattle industry... has consistently improved the quality of his cattle and the productivity of his range, pioneered the use of green chop alfalfa in commercial beef cattle feeding, and has been outstanding in public service to his industry.'

"NATIVE SON - Born at Whiteriver in the Sierra foothills of Tulare County, Guthrie at an early age was exposed to the cattle business. The Guthrie family had operated their large commercial ranch in Porterville for years. He began fulltime ranch work after graduating from high school in 1931.

"He took over active management of the Guthrie ranch in 1943. The following year he expanded operations to the San Joaquin Valley with the purchase of 160 acres to farmland west of Porterville. That has been increased to 700 acres

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today with a feed lot of 4,000-head capacity. His farmland produces 90 percent of the needed feed for the cattle, which numbers about 1,000 head.

"Guthrie was one of the first to recognize the possibilities of using green chop alfalfa in commercial feeding. He also conducted many experiments in co-operation with the University of California Agricultural Extension Service involving the use of various concentrates, antibiotics and hormones used in conjunction with the green chopped alfalfa.

"HEADED GROUPS - The award winner was president of Tulare County Cattlemen's Association in 1942, 1943 and 1944; was vice-president of the California Cattlemen's Association in 1945 and 1946, and president of the latter organization in 1947 and 1948. In 1953 he was one of the five vice-presidents of the American National Cattlemen's Association.

"At present, Guthrie is a member of the California Livestock Sanitary Committee, a director of the California Farm Bureau Marketing Association, a director of the California Cattle Feeders' Association and a member of the Tulare County Board of Education."

1961 -In 18 Dec 1961 letter from Aunt Ora to Flo Guthrie, Aunt Ora mentions seeing John's picture in the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

1964 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook clipping whereon she wrote "Porterville, Feb 6 1964: "4-H CLUBS HEAR TALK BY JOHN GUTHRIE - BURTON Feb 6 - A capacity crowd attended the Burton 4-H Club's January meeting to hear guest speaker John Guthrie, assisted by Mrs Guthrie, tell of many interesting experiences on their recent trip to Hawaii, Fiji, Auckland, New Zealand and Australia. They also showed colored slides...."

1965 -John toured Western Europe in 1965 on a mission for President Johnson.

1966-67 - Per Aunt Anita's 1973 scrapbook John Hiram was President of the American National Cattlemen's Association 1966-67 -

1973 - 20 Sep Los Angeles Times clipping I sent to Aunt Anita and now in her 1973 scrapbook: "John Guthrie, Noted Rancher - PORTERVILLE - Funeral services will be conducted Friday for rancher John H Guthrie who died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. He was 59.

"Mr Guthrie, one of the state's best-known cattlemen, toured West Europe in 1965 on a mission for President Johnson.

"He was the past president of the American Cattlemen Assn and the California Cattlemen Assn. He was named California Cattleman of the Year in 1956.

"He leaves his wife, Marian; a son Less; his mother Florence, all of Porterville; a daughter Lou Ann Weldon of Strathmore; and a sister Jane Muller of Ducor, and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 am in Myers Chapel, Porterville."

1973 - 18 Sep unattributed clipping, (Aunt Anita's book):

"PROMINENT CATTLEMAN DIES IN PORTERVILLE - PORTERVILLE (UP) -

John Guthrie, former president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. He was 59...Guthrie, past president of the California Cattlemen's Association, toured western Europe as a special delegate for President Lyndon Johnson... He was president of the national association for 1966-67... Funeral services will be held here Friday."

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1913 - Marian Elizabeth KLEINHANS b 13 Aug 1913, Visalia, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Henry KLEINHANS & Mary ?
 m John Hiram GUTHRIE 25 Dec 1935, Yuma, Yuma Co, AZ

PLEASE see John Hiram GUTHRIE Notes also.

Marian has the 'honor' of being the last person entered into this family history: her informal autobiography arrived just this minute (too late to include in VOCATIONS, but it's all here) so here it is almost verbatim:
 "Born and raised in Visalia, CA and at the time of my birth it was unusual for such a great event to be recorded. The certificate stated "a girl was born to Henry and Mary Kleinhans on August 13, 1913. Fortunately I later was given the name of Marian Elizabeth....Education: Grammar & high school plus one year of Jr College in Visalia. Then to the job market as that was in the days of the Great Depression and not too many young people continued to college.
 "On December 25, 1935, John and I were married in Yuma, AZ. We moved to the ranch at White River until our son, John Lester started to high school. Less and sister Lou Ann attended grammar school at Ducor. When Less started high school we had to move to town as it was too distant commuting....
 "Eventually I became involved: White River School Board until it was consolidated with Ducor. Then I served on the Ducor Board for 16 years as Secretary.....Next became involved in 4-H: several project leaders, then community leader....Then came DeMolay and I was their sweetheart advisor. Job's Daughters involved me in the council as an officer. Wherever the children were involved, I helped, too.....We have a Porterville Community Fair and I was Home Ec Chairman for 15 years.....Then other interests came to my attention: Officer in Women's Club and President of Garden Club....With John involved in the cattle industry and its organizations. I became interested in their cattletwomen's group, organizing our Tulare Co women and a short time later serving as President of the National Cattletwomen's Association....When time permitted I started playing golf as our home in Porterville was across the street from a nine-hole course. When John became ill I spent my time with him with the exception of an occasional game of bridge.
 "John passed away in 1973 and a few years later I resumed playing golf and became interested in duplicate bridge. I joined River Island Country Club and try to play as often as possible. Served as captain of the women's group in 1980 and 1989. Duplicate bridge captures my interest several times a week and definitely on Monday nights.....In the meantime I am serving my 4th 4-year term on our District Hospital Board. I have served as Chairman, but am now the Board Secretary.....Also I'm still interested in our ranching enterprises and other entities. Less is managing everything, however, and is doing an excellent job."

1955 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook has two Sacramento Bee photos with captions:

1) The Sacramento Bee, Saturday, June 18 1955: "MORE BEEF - Governor Goodwin J Knight is shown dishing up a big helping of steak at a barbecue given in his honor at the Jake Schneider Ranch near Sloughhouse last weekend. At the table with him are, front row.....Mrs John Guthrie of Porterville, past national president of the Cow Belles."

2) Undated Bee photo: "A recipe book on beef cookery was presented to Governor Goodwin J Knight by Mrs John Guthrie, past national president of the Cow Belles, at a barbecue to promote meat consumption....."

1986 - Marian moved into the Flo and Less Guthrie family home in Porterville in February and did a beautiful job of restoring and redecorating. She had the entire interior painted---wall-to-wall carpeting all over, upstairs and down ---beautifully chosen wall paper ---remodelled kitchen -- recovered living room

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furniture. My brother, Allen, and I were privileged to tour the home with Jane and Marian's daughter-in-law, Claudia, and it is indeed a stunning accomplishment in tastefully up-dating and preserving a lovely old home.



Above: Marian in her Porterville apartment
18 April 1985

Below: Guthrie Ranch near Porterville, CA.
Built in 1910



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 1917 - Jane Ellen GUTHRIE b 10 Jan 1917, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE & Florence Aleen "Flo" MANTER
 m Francis Joseph MULLER 23 Nov 1938, St Thomas Aquinas Church
 Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co, CA

Without the help and encouragement of Jane, this family history would not have been written. Her contribution is enormous, as a quick glance through the book will reveal, and mere words can never express the depth of my appreciation. I strongly recommend her books to anyone interested in Tulare County history, or more detailed family history told in an engaging and professional manner.

1917 - From Jane's CHILDHOOD MEMORIES: "Papa, Mama and John Hiram were living on the Homestead..They had driven in the spring wagon to Porterville..to stay with Mama's mother... She lived in her own little red house and would take care of all of us after I was born...Shortly after midnight on January 10, Mama told Papa he'd better phone to Dr Barber, who came over in his automobile (not many had cars in those days) to take them to the hospital, a big old house still there in Porterville. By five o'clock I had arrived, and Papa said, 'Oh-h-h, it's a little girl!' He hadn't been that enthusiastic when he learned I was on the way, because Mama had convulsions and almost died when John was born...But all went well, and after a good rest...Mama was ready to take her family back to the Homestead, with me in the laundry basket in back of the seat in the spring wagon...They decided to name me Jane Ellen after five grandmothers..."

1923 - "...In September 1923 I started to school, riding behind John on Old Baldy (we pronounced it Bawley; he was so named because he was white-faced or bald-faced)...I well remember the morning I started to school. My dress was a red check with ruffles on the short sleeves, and I imagine I was barefooted...Papa lifted me on...showed me how to wrap the strings in back of the saddle around my hands to hang on...had our lunch pails hanging on the horn; John's was a red rectangular thing ... mine was a round lard bucket. We also carried the mail sack...After school John would stop at the store-post office... with the little window through which Mr Barnard handed our mail to John... perhaps twice a year we were allowed to buy our lunch...a small box of soda crackers and a can of sardines to share at noon--such a delectable treat!... Mama had taught both John and me our letters and numbers before we started school, and we were good students..."

1935 - 1938 - Jane majored in History and English with emphasis on creative writing when she attended and obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Scripps College, Claremont, CA. She did her graduate work at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. and received her Secondary Credential from Stanford. She taught for one year before marrying Francis Muller in Palo Alto in 1938.

Jane compiled into book form all of her letters to her parents, Sep 1935 - June 1937, from Room 28, Clark Hall, Scripps College, Claremont. She was a junior transfer to Scripps when she moved into Clark Hall. Regretfully, space does not permit inclusion of this vivid portrayal of college life in the 1930's (other than the two letters which concern members of the Box and McCabe families in 1936 and 1938). Again, they are recommended reading for those in the family who enjoy nostalgia, fine descriptive writing, finely drawn characterizations of friends and professors, and quite a few chuckles. The letters epitomize an era that is gone forever--a fact which Jane mentions in her 1 July 1987 letter telling me about the 50th reunion of her class at Scripps: "...Yes, while you were enjoying the Ojai Music Festival and then beautiful Yosemite...we were basking in nostalgia at my 50th class reunion. There were

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many highlights...Greeting classmates after all those years was a thrill. Several were accompanied by their husbands, and everyone was in a festive mood. The campus was pretty with all those lovely trees. One shock was the deterioration of the hall where I lived: Where is all the lovely furniture? The living room had nothing in it except some ordinary sofas and a TV. Gone were the grand piano and the pictures and the gracious atmosphere. The dining room where we used to sit at tables with real tablecloths and real linen napkins and eat by candle light on Wednesdays, with the food served properly, is now just a place to sit after they fetch their catered food from the counter in the kitchen. Well, I guess that doesn't matter anymore after the turbulent sixties--gone are the housemothers who set the example of proper behavior and steered their charges toward the values of a gentlewoman. Now they have graduate students 'in charge' who don't care what the students do. Alas, I cluck about the good old days and am thankful I had the Scripps experience 50 years ago!..."

1936 - 24 Feb - Excerpts: "I've had such a good weekend--met Nig (Margaret Box) at the L A station yesterday morning...and we've pulled more hare-brained tricks and had more darned fun!... When we finally got together, we drove down to Robinson's, left our car there, and shopped--had a delicious lunch at Bullock's, where they have a fashion show during the meal...(Fashion show didn't) begin for 20 so we picked out a comfortable lounge and talked some more. Nig can talk faster than anyone I've ever known and has such a delightful sense of humor--she's intelligent and stimulating, too--with a wide range of interests--I was thoroughly charmed with her... About 3:30 we decided to whip out to Bullocks Wilshire, the most exclusive, expensive store in town... the store is magnificent, with tricky lighting, strange, vari-colored, blocked ceilings--beautiful displays, especially in the art and dishware departments.. "Finally, we went home--Nig lives in a large, good-looking, comfortable house with this old Swedish lady and her 40 year old son... --then went to the Paramount where we saw Harry Richmond in 'Music Goes Round,' which is good...very amusing. The vaudeville was entertaining, too. When we came out, rain was pouring down,... -- took a short cut thru the Biltmore Hotel to the parking lot. People were milling around looking for movie stars, although Lois Wilson was the only one we saw. We wandered nonchalantly downstairs to the Bowl, where hordes of people were dancing. It was all very exciting. "...Got up this morning...and went to Sunday School, for Nig is a substitute teacher--then came back and went to another larger church with Neil and Monny Hastings. I enjoyed it, and Monny, who is the soloist there, sings beautifully. "We came back, had dinner, and drove out to Kit's (Kathryn McCabe). She has a very attractive little home. We visited with her a while; Aunt Fanny is a little better but still at the hospital. After leaving Kit's, we drove out through Beverly Hills to see all the beautiful homes out there--Tom Mix's, Harold Lloyd's, Cord's, Will Rogers'--back through Santa Monica. It was a most enjoyable drive.... and I finally arrived in Claremont safe and sound. "Every minute of it was enjoyable, and I haven't told you half of what there is to tell, but I'm tired and my writing's almost too wobbly to be read. I'll save it till I see you. We planned for many more interesting things especially if you two could only come down--we'd really have a 'bust.' Nig thinks a great deal of you, and we wished for you so hard, and talked about what fun we could all have and the things we'll do. So let's hope it comes true!"

1938 - 25 July letter (excerpts) from Jane to parents while a graduate student at Stanford:

"...I found a note from Kit when I got back from the 'libe' at 5:00. I called her and she invited me to have dinner with her and the lady she's visiting, so I met them at the Union dining room this afternoon at 1:30.

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Then we drove around looking at homes, and went back in the hills. I enjoyed it--the lady was a college-mate of Kit's...I thought her rather colorless and whiny, though very nice--but she got poison oak easily and shrank from even driving near it--and she sunburned easily--and the sun got in her eyes--and she was upset when the waiter brought pineapple instead of tomato juice. "Kit's a good soul, though appallingly determined to do things up brown--every move, every sentence shows purpose and drive to get out of everything that for which she'd planned. When we went into the chapel, she attacked it systematically, examining it efficiently from all angles. When we went into the dining room, she insisted on a table by the window which we didn't get--when we drove around, she devoured all the scenery in detail, remarking about the angles on the tree trunks and reciting the names of the flowers and shrubs. It exhausted me.

(NOTE: Anyone in the family who ever knew Kathryn would recognize her from this exceedingly accurate thumbnail sketch...even with the name removed... a tribute to Jane's perceptive abilities at the young age of 21!)

"But she gave me quantities of good advice on how to bring health to Strathmore youth, which I sincerely appreciate (along with teaching English, my major, I was to teach all the Girls' P E classes) -- and despite frequent allusions to our great and glorious ancestry, I enjoyed being with her..."

1938 -23 Nov - Jane married Francis Joseph Muller in St Thomas Aquinas Church in Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, CA. All of their children were born in Porterville except Patricia and Claire, both born in Lindsay, Tulare Co, CA.

1940 -Dr Francis Joseph "Fritz" Muller b 7 Oct; m 1) Diana CALEK 1962 (div)
m 2) Nadine COATES 1979

Fritz is a psychiatrist in Novato, CA and has three sons: David Andrew, born 27 Aug 1964; Daniel Anthony, b 4 Aug 1966 & Theodore Joseph, b 12 July 1967.

1942 - Nicholas Guthrie "Nick" Muller b 27 Nov; m Sally DIGGLES 1964 -
Nick is a corporate attorney in Denver, CO. He & Sally have 2 children:
Thomas Francis b 28 Oct 1965; Amy Erin b 2 Nov 1968.

1945 - Jane Ellen Muller b 31 Oct; m Francis J COLELLA 1971, their children:
Anthony Francis b 29 Feb 1972; Mary Alice b 1 Sep 1973;
Ellen Elizabeth b 5 May 1975; Rose Therese b 9 Jul 1979.

1949 - Brook Edward Muller b 9 Oct; m Marian DICKSON 1978, their children:
Robert Francis b 14 Oct; Kathleen Marie b 16 Feb 1981;
Therese Elizabeth b 6 Dec 1982; Dominic Andrew b 20 Feb 1986

1951 - Charles Anthony "Chuck" Muller b 18 Feb; m Donna CIRELLI 1983, one son:
Christopher Anthony b 13 Jan 1990

1952 - Mary Therese Muller b 18 May; m Winston "Buddy" GALUSHA 1976, children:
Aimee Therese b 9 Aug 1977; Jillian Claire b 1 Oct 1980;
Laurel Jean-Marie b 12 Nov 1982; Nicholas Joseph b 24 Aug 1990;
Mary & Buddy own and operate the elegant DUTCH FRONTIER Restaurant in Ducor.

1954 - Patricia Ann Muller b 17 Mar; m Henry HUGHES 1977, their children:
Christina Joanne b 27 Sep 1978; Julia Anne b 9 Jul 1980;
Joseph Henry b 4 Jan 1982; Patrick Henry b 4 Jan 1985;
Shade Stephen b 29 Aug 1986; Matthew Marion b 8 Jun 1989

1956 - Claire Elizabeth Muller b 16 Mar; Nun/Teacher in Thousand Oaks, CA.

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1959 - David Gregory Muller b 21 Feb; d 22 Feb 1959, Porterville.

1962 - Stephen Andrew Muller b 30 Mar; Monk, Carthusian Order, Charterhouse of the Transfiguration in Vermont.

1984 - 28-29 Nov Enterprise News Front Page article - including a large photo of Jane in front of the Dutch Frontier Restaurant in Ducor:

"Diligent research of Jane Muller results in book on Ducor pioneers - by Bonny McDaniel - "Jane Muller's completion of a project

started nearly three years ago is now a reality... The Ducor resident has finished her book, PIONEER FAMILIES OF DUCOR, and it goes on sale this week...

'The idea for writing the book was born in February 1982,' Muller explained, 'when Estha Mae (LaMarsna) Hinton presented a program at a Ducor Woman's Club meeting.'... Hinton read from her great grandfather's journal and told of her families early settling in the Woodville area... 'Afterwards,' Muller stated, 'we sat around enjoying refreshments and Estha Mae suggested that the descendants of early Ducor settlers pool their information and write it down.'... Subsequently several families did present their family histories at the meetings, and Muller decided to put it all together... However, 'putting it all together' involved much more than gathering up the compilation of the work of others... 'At the suggestion of Annie Mitchell and Evelyn Carothers, I made two trips to the genealogical and historical library in Tulare,' Muller said... Carothers was the local librarian and is an avid genealogist and family history buff, and Mitchell is a noted Tulare County historian who has written many books about the area... After the library research which included several hours in front of a microfilm reader, Muller spent a day at the Recorder's office in the courthouse at Visalia... 'Here I learned when homesteads were acquired and when some of the land was bought and sold,' Muller explained... Sprinkled through the text of Muller's book are the legal descriptions of the land and the prices paid. Such colorful details as '\$1,600 in gold coin' add to an understanding of the times... Muller wasn't finished with her research by the three days in local buildings, however... 'Over the years I had kept some newspaper clippings pertaining to the community,' Muller commented. 'Annie Mithcell's writings are the best, of course.'... After the clippings and books were studied, Jane continued to collect stories and family genealogical information from descendants and assemble it into a logical sequence. She stated she is grateful to the families who supplied the material and photos... After hours at the typewriter, Muller turned over more than 50 pages of manuscript to Rod Homer. Homer, a local historian, owns Andiron Publishers in Porterville and had previously published a smaller book on Jane Muller's family.

** to published Tulare County historians was born in 1917 to Charles Lester and Florence (Manter) Guthrie who had a cattle ranch in the White River area... After attending White River School, she graduated from Porterville Union High School in 1933 and attended Scripps College in Claremont where she received her BA in 1937 and Stanford University where she received her secondary credential in 1938. She majored in English and minored in History... 'While at Porterville Junior College,' Muller said, 'I had an inspirational teacher of English, Miss Ruth Hirshman. She encouraged me to write about White River, known as Tailholt in the 1800's when it was a gold mining town, and to write about the stories my father had told... 'This was the beginning of my interest in writing,' Muller explained. In her first and only year of teaching, she married Francis Muller a Ducor area grain rancher. They have nine children and 18 grandchildren. "'It is for the children and grandchildren and the families of my brother's children that I like to write family history,' Muller concluded... Muller may have been inspired to write this extensive history of the Ducor area because

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of her family, but genealogists and historians, current and future, will thank this diligent lady for a volume that contains insights into their families and the community and what it was like to live at the turn of the century."...

1986 - Oct letter excerpt: "...The highlight of our year was a trip in early August to visit our youngest son, Stephen, at the Trappist Monastery east of Ogden, Utah. We spent a week there in the guest house they have on the property. It's a beautiful ranch in a lovely valley, where they grow beef cattle, have a dairy, 10,000 hens and specialize in creamed honey. It's quite an operation....While we were there, Mary and Buddy and their three little girls joined us; Nick and his wife and two children came from Denver; Jane Ellen and her husband and four children drove from Iowa and later followed us home for a ten-day visit here. So--it was a most enjoyable time for all of us, and we were pleased to find Stephen happy and enthusiastic about his life there, a combination of ranch work and prayer-life that suits him."

1987 - 12 Dec letter excerpt: "We had a good summer, with children and grandchildren visiting, and in August we visited Stephen at his Monastery in Utah - 18 of us there for a happy week. Our daughter, Claire, (who is a nun at Thousand Oaks) drove with Francis and me, so there was plenty of time for good conversation. Mary and Buddy and the girls met us there after having been to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, etc. Patricia and Henry and their five children came, and Nick flew over from Denver."

1988 - Dec letter excerpts: "...In July we had a happy week with Stephen at his Monastery in Utah, and in August we had a family reunion to celebrate our 50th anniversary -- which didn't occur until November 23, but August affords better travel. In late June, Mary and Buddy and Aimee, Jill and Laurel left in his father's motorhome for Missouri to visit the home of Laura and Almanzo (are you a LITTLE HOUSE lover, as we are?), then on to Hannibal (Mark Twain) and various other historical places --a visit with Jane Ellen and her family in Iowa--to Nebraska where Buddy's forebears homesteaded and relatives live. They met the rest of us in Utah, including Patricia and her family--our daughter Claire, the teaching nun--and Nick, the attorney, from Denver (Glen would be interested in his project of building a co-generating plant powered by natural gas for good environment, the surplus heat to be used for greenhouse tomatoes). Then came the big celebration, with some of the children and their families here for several days before and after the big weekend. At that time there were 39 of us--all 21 grandchildren--and the weather was pleasant enough for us to eat all meals outside. There were three taking videos so that we could watch ourselves over and over--so startling to watch the camera zeroing in on one group while the snatches of conversation were recorded by those closer to the picture-taker. For example, we could hear Frank, the professor of economics, talking to Donna (CPA) and Nadine (banker) about investments and mutual funds while we looked at laughing teenagers and adoring small cousins. For entertainment the children had provided for a sing-along Saturday evening, with Brook and Claire playing their guitars. They'd put together a book of all the songs we'd ever sung together, and on the cover was our wedding picture. Then there was a slide show of snapshots of all the years, accompanied by a music tape put together by our oldest granddaughter. It was edifying for the grandchildren to see their parents from the first baby pictures. Fritz had written about ten pages of early memories in blank verse to share with his brothers and sisters. They could all relate to his descriptions of the sounds and smells and feel of the tractor and harvester. Well, it was a treasured time, for which we are grateful....."

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1915 - Francis Joseph MULLER b 7 Oct 1915, Ducor, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: Henry Dominic MULLER & Marie Thecla "Mamie" MENNE
 m Jane Ellen GUTHRIE 23 Nov 1938, St Thomas Aquinas Church
 Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co, CA
 PLEASE see Jane Ellen GUTHRIE Notes also.

1868 - The earliest Mullers came to Ducor in 1868, homesteaded and had sheep

1936 - Excerpt from Jane's PIONEER FAMILIES OF DUCOR, the chapter entitled "The Brick Reservoir" describing the only means of reserving water for the farm and animals in the hot summer: "...There was also a brick reservoir on the Oscar Smith place about a mile north of the Allen, probably built by him for he was the owner in 1892.and when Francis Muller bought the place in 1936, there was evidence of where the platform for the windmill had been. It held water which was used for irrigating the orange trees, and we used it for swimming. "In late August 1940 we had a dinner for the ones for whom Francis had harvested that summer, including Bud and Margaret Zimmerman, Joe and Kathleen Menne, Frank and Helen Menne and other relatives--plus the crew. A large number had been swimming before dinner, and soon after we finished eating, Frank noticed that the west wall had given way and was trickling through a fissure. Very soon the trickle was a torrent, washing water and bricks through the chicken yard and down into the pasture, and that was the end of our brick reservoir."

1936 - Francis bought the ranch in Ducor in 1936, at which time the house was completely surrounded by orange trees. He and Jane were married in 1938. They lived in the old house 10 years and built their present home in 1948.

1945 - (same source as above - DUCOR) "...When Chris Joos bought his Maxwell in 1910, he was among the first in the community to have an automobile...When Chris died..1926...the Maxwell continued to sit in his shed until finally his belongings were sold at public auction by the bank, at which time Fred Huxtable bought the Maxwell for one hundred dollars...Mr Huxtable sold the 1910 Maxwell to Francis Muller in 1945 for five hundred dollars. With the help of local mechanics, notably Fritz Parsons, he was able to make it run and for two years Francis entered it in the Veterans' Day Parade in Porterville, winning prizes for the oldest car both times. He wore an old fashioned duster borrowed from the Henry Zimmermans, neighbors down the road. "In about 1951 he sold the car to Mr Bear of Orosi for seven hundred dollars (he divided the profit with Fred). The last we heard of the Maxwell, it was owned by a Los Angeles couple, who sent us a picture of the restored antique treasure. ..."



Frances, Jane, Charles & Mary at the
 Dutch Frontier Restaurant in Ducor, CA
 owned by Buddy & Mary. Recommended!



Jane and Francis in their 50th
 Wedding Anniversary Year—1988

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1887 - Henry Wilfred "Fred" GUTHRIE b 3 Jan 1887, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 d 30 May 1945, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Jun 1945, Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1887 - Per Jane Guthrie Muller's CHILDHOOD MEMORIES 1917-1927: "Fred was named Henry Wilfred; maybe the Henry was for Grandpa Wash's little brother who died soon after the family arrived in California. The Wilfred is for Wilfred of Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott's hero. Grandma Jin was the only one who ever called Fred, Wilfred. He had polio when he was just a little over a year old and never walked except on crutches. His arms and shoulders were strong and well-developed, and of course his body was light because his little legs never grew, so he could pull himself around in the fig tree and climb with the rest of us. "One time he was up pretty high, perched on a limb, eating figs. ...Fred had Little Steepy, and Dot had Old Slant... Anyway, Fred was eating away on those ripe figs when he reached out too far and lost his hold and began to fall. Down he'd come a little way and have his fall broken by some limbs, then another break-through crashing into some more limbs. It seemed to take forever for him to reach the ground, and he wasn't really hurt."

1913 - A DUCOR DISPATCH item is quoted in Jane's PIONEER FAMILIES OF DUCOR: "April 3 -- 'There was an enjoyable dance in the First National Bank Hall last Friday evening with a jolly crowd present, and everyone had a good time. Excellent music was furnished by Fred Guthrie, violin; Mrs Jack McFadyen, piano; Russell Holden, drums. Luncheon was served at midnight, and dancing continued until two o'clock. About 20 couples attended.'"



Guthrie is the violinist, at far right, in the Pine Flat orchestra. The pianist is Earl Nave of Strathmore. The others not been identified.

Notes for Fannie Etta "Dot" GUTHRIE-287

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1888 - Fannie Etta "Dot" GUTHRIE b 11 Nov 1888, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 m H Guy HUGHES 1912
 d 1 Feb 1972, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Oak Grove Cemetery, nr Glennville, Kern Co, CA

How did Fannie Etta happen to be called "Dot" all of her life?
 Jane tells the story in her CHILDHOOD MEMORIES: "Dot was named Fanny Etta for Dad's and Mama's oldest sisters: Fanny Guthrie and Etta White. Dot said she never did like her name much, and one time she was sitting in the fig tree reading when she heard one of the neighbors yelling at his mule and calling it Fanny. Back to the house she went, crying, and when Mama asked her what was wrong, she said, 'Every old cow and mule in the country is named Fanny!' Dad said, 'All right, then, honey, we'll just call you Daughter.' That was soon shortened to Daught and of course wound up being Dot.

Dot attended Porterville High School on Morton Street and later attended the new building on the site where present Belleview Elementary School is. She got her teaching certificate from Fresno Normal School. She taught in county schools and came to the Porterville school system in 1930. Retired from teaching in 1963. She was a member of Native Daughters of the Golden West, Golden Rebekah Lodge, Palm Leaf Chapter Order of Eastern Star (50-year-member) and the Tulare County Historical Society. (Information from Jane)

1912 - Dot married H Guy Hughes who was born in Lynn's Valley. They had one son, Garth, (b 1925, d 1970) who attended UCLA in the 1940's. He did some genealogy on the Box and Guthrie/Hughes families.

1960's - In her ELLIS-WHITE FAMILY history, Jane tells of interviewing her Aunt Dot a few years before her death in 1972, and of her reminiscing about her childhood: "Some of the White children were there all the time during school vacations--Potts and Cad and Lou and Frank. Dad was working in the Bald Mountain Mine, and there were always some of his relatives there, too--he had Aunt Laura and Uncle Bill (Guthrie) and their sweethearts around and his own family coming along. Mama had to cook for them all. How Dad managed to buy the food I don't know, but a lot of it was Mama's management. There wasn't anybody that I ever knew that could make something out of nothing. She was never frustrated or bothered--she managed to put SOMETHING on the table. We always had a cow and chickens and she could get up a meal... "One of the family stories often repeated concerned the time the Pennell family came....1912, the year Aunt Dot married, for she was still at home. She had helped her mother prepare the big dinner, and she had made the biscuits. They all bragged about the good dinner and especially the lovely biscuits, of which she was justly proud, and then one of the Pennell boys said, 'Anything tastes good in the mountains.' Aunt Dot was deflated, and forever after, that was a family saying to take pride down a notch or two. ..."

Dot is buried in a family plot (maybe for the Hughes?) in Oak Grove Cemetery near Glennville in Lynn's Valley.....per Jane Guthrie.

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Notes for Guy Earnest GUTHRIE-289

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1893 - Guy Earnest GUTHRIE b 18 Feb 1893, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 m Ethel WILEY
 d Mar 1974, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Hillcrest Cemetery, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

Guy went to Heald's Business College in Fresno. He was on a ship during WWI and bought a place on Tyler Creek, very close to Less and Flo Guthrie.

1922 - Virginia Beth b 1922 (m SPURLIN) d May 1988 of cancer, Denver, CO
 Children: Richard, Virginia, Barbara, Frances and William.

1924 - *Guy Earnest, Jr b 1924 (m Jackie WARD) Children: *Michael b 1950;
 Suzanne b 1952; Richard b 1954; Brian b 1958; Cheryl b 1965

1926 - Donna May b 1926 (m Wm VAILLANCOURT) Has one son.

1928 - Wiley Galen b 1928 m Frances ODOM Children: 1) Cheryl Lynn b 1959 m Jon
 Steven CAGLE: Jon Steven II b 1984; David Michael b 1987; Alyssa Lynn b 1989
 2) Ryan Galen b 13 Nov 1967

Per Jane Guthrie 27 April 1987: Everett "Beany" Guthrie was schizophrenic and his behavior "unpredictable." He was sent to a hospital in Bakersfield.

Guy and Ethel Guthrie were living in the Guthrie homestead house at the time and offered to care for Beany. The care was inadequate and Beany was sent back to the hospital. In return for caring for Beany, the ranch was deeded to Guy and Ethel. Much to the Guthrie family's regret, Guy and Ethel sold the homestead and it was forever out of reach of the rest of the family.

1897 - Robert Garth "Bob" GUTHRIE b 5 Apr 1897, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 m Ellen SHEPHERD 1925/1926

1916-17 - Aunt Anita's earliest scrapbook: "A new gold strike was reported from the White River country, scene of the state's early great mining activities. Quartzite, assaying as high as \$125 a ton in gold and \$3.80 in silver has been taken from the field by Dan Richardson and Bob Guthrie of Porterville. Another quantity of ore has been shipped to the Selby smelters in San Francisco to be assayed."

1925/26 - Bob and Ellen Guthrie were married, separated in 1934 and went back together in 1952. They are still together in 1991, living in Oceano, CA.

1909 - Helen Elizabeth GUTHRIE b 9 Aug 1909, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Parents: John Franklin GUTHRIE & Mary Ellen WHITE
 m Dr John McCALL (DDS) 1929
 d 11 Oct 1976, Phoenix, Maricopa Co, AZ

Helen Guthrie was the first ever female class president of Porterville High School, Class of 1927. She graduated from USC in 1932.

1933 - Carol Ann b 1933 m Martin O'SULLIVAN; Erin b 1965, grad UC Irvine 1987
 B S, now in Medical School in PA; Megan b 1966 grad U of AZ 1988, B A)
 1935 - Bob Guthrie b 1935 (m "Tish" 1960; "Kim" b 1968, m Chad NELSON 1991;
 Dr Bob Guthrie McCall, like his father, has a DDS)

*Marriages of the Children: 1) Michael m 1) Josie PETERSON; children - Brandon
 b 1974, Clinton b 1976, Darin b 1978

2) Suzanne m Phillip WARNER
 Adam b 1974; Amy b 1976

3) Richard m Tamrie LOW; Jason b 1981; Sarah b 1982; Elizabeth b 1987; Ashleigh b 1989

4) Brian m Teresa KING; Kyle b 1987; Trevor b 1990

* Guy Jr m 2) Evelyn CAULK; Cheryl b 1965 m Stan ENGLE

Notes for William Henry GUTHRIE-41

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1868 - William Henry GUTHRIE b 12 Apr 1868, Rincon Valley, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE & Sarah Jane "Jin" BOX
 m Wilhelmina RIOS 1917
 d 5 May 1933, Bakersfield, Kern Co, CA
 bur Home of Peace, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1877 - In March of this year Will GUTHRIE was in Yuma, Arizona.

1890's - In LYNN'S VALLEY TALES AND OTHERS by H Guy Hughes:
 "Bill Guthrie and Byrd Guernette used to get broncos up on 'Boot Hill' (in Tailholt) and ride them bareback down to the street, trying to see who was top rider. I mean bareback, just their spurs, no surcingle."

1890's - per Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER 21 Apr 1991 letter: "Uncle Bill was known as one of the best riders in the area, and his nephew, Bob Guthrie, told me a story illustrating his skill. Sometime in the 1890's he went to Arizona and got a job on a big cattle ranch there. He arrived wearing a new silk shirt, and the veteran cowboys thought he was a tenderfoot. Next morning when they went to rope their horses to ride that day, they singled out for Uncle Bill the wildest of the broncos and told him to catch that one. He did, matter-of-factly, put on his saddle and mounted, unaware they were playing a joke on the new dude. The horse of course bucked his best, which was quite a show, while Uncle Bill rode him as if it were an everyday occurrence, and off they went to take care of the day's work. The joke had backfired because they misjudged their man."

1897 - 24 Dec card from Will in Jerome, AZ to his brother John - as copied by Jane: "Dear Brother - I am well and coming Home the first of Feb. if nothing happens it has been snowing here for the last week. You need not look for me any time. I will let you all know when I start. Your Brother Will Guthrie."

On 15 Jan 1991 Jane gave me information about William Henry Guthrie's 1917 marriage to Wilhelmina RIOS. They had a daughter, Barbara, born 1918, d of cancer 1989, and is buried in Cayucos, San Luis Obispo Co, CA. Barbara married Jerry RATEKIN in 1934, and they had one son, William RATEKIN, b 1936, m Maureen PETERSON. They live in San Mateo, where he owns a construction company, and have three children: Michelle, b 1959; Darren, b 1960 and Dionne, b 1966.

1933 - Obituary clipping, probably from a Wasco, CA paper, sent by Olga Grimes to Jane and forwarded to me 28 May 1991: "Stroke Fatal to W Guthrie; Cowman and Miner - "Death Came Quickly to a well known Character of Range and Mines - "William H Guthrie, member of a pioneer California family, passed away...

*April 5, at a Bakersfield hospital, following a stroke of paralysis. He was stricken on Thursday of last week while at a country road camp on Greenhorn mountain where he had gone to work. He had worked first day, but the following day the foreman in charge insisted on his remaining in camp as he thought his condition did not warrant his working. Mr Guthrie maintained that he was not ill and wanted to join the rest of the men in the work. Later in the day he suffered the attack and he was rushed to the hospital where he received every attention but passed away without gaining consciousness. Mrs Guthrie was notified of her husband's condition and driven to the hospital. She had been home but a short time when she received word of his death. Mr Guthrie had been in poor health the past year but lately had shown much improvement and insisted on joining the crew of the road workers as he wanted to get into the mountains where he thought the change in altitude would be beneficial. "Mr Guthrie was born at Santa Rosa April 12, 1868, his parents being Mr and Mrs Washington Guthrie, pioneers of California. His Father's brother, **John

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Guthrie, was the founder of the well known Guthrie ranches in the White River district. His father died when William was about four years old, and in 1872 his mother settled on a homestead which was later disposed of and became a part of the extensive property controlled by John Guthrie. William Guthrie grew to manhood on the Cattle ranches and for many years was identified with the cattle industry and for some time was manager for one of the big cow outfits in Tulare county. He also had a part in the early operations in the White River early mining operations and liked to tell about some of the rich strikes that were made in different mines that made White River famous in the early days. His mining ventures took him to Nevada and Arizona.

"The death of Will Guthrie marks the passing of another link of the west, for he was a character of that period, big hearted and generous to an extreme when he was blessed with wealth. When he married, two pioneer families were united, as his bride was Wilhelmina Rios, whose family, both father and mother, were descended from early Spanish territory tributary to Pasoish dons whose land grants included Robles and San Miguel and some of their holdings extended into the area of San Jose. The estate of her Grandfather, Camillo Rios, formerly include what is known as Paso Robles ranch and headquarters where remnants of the original adobe walls may still be found. With the discovery of oil in the Lost Hills district, Guthrie became interested there and for about nine years was in the employ of different companies. He made his home in Wasco for a number of years.

"Surviving are his widow, Wilhelmina Guthrie, and a daughter, Barbara, who is a sophomore in the Wasco High School. There are also two Sisters, Mrs Clara Uhl of Porterville and Mrs Fannie Dent of Los Angeles. Fred and Less Guthrie, now operating the Guthrie ranches, are nephews. The funeral services were held at Porterville Monday afternoon and internment was made in the family burial ground at Porterville. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev J A Milligan, an old-time friend of the Guthrie family. Many old friends of the family attended. Among those attending from Wasco were Mrs Fannie Hughes (NOTE: Mother of Guy Hughes, Dot Guthrie's husband), Mrs Cecil Page (NOTE: Florence Hughes), Mr and Mrs J C Cannon and daughter, Mary, and Earl Ellenwood and Thomas B Jones."

*1933 per Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER

** I believe they mean Will's brother, John Franklin Guthrie.



Bob & Ellen Guthrie - Dec 1981



Nellie McCabe, Laura Uhl, Will and Fred Guthrie, Mag Box -date unknown

Notes for Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX-14

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1844 - Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX b 8 Mar 1844 (MS or TX?)
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Charles Wesley WHITE 20 Feb 1862, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 4 Sep 1904, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA

PLEASE see Charles Wesley WHITE Notes also

1862 - Copied by Margaret Wiltshire at Sonoma County Recorder's
 Office 23 Jan 1991: "WHITE, Charles Wesley and Elizabeth Caroline BOX
 m 20 Feb 1862, Book A, p 250, by R Middleton, J P, 1861-67, Santa Rosa"

1863 - Asa Franklin "Frank" b 10 Oct; d 8 Nov 1929, bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma

1866 - Amy Frances b 19 Jan m Clarence E BAINBRIDGE 14 Dec 1902 (see her Notes)

1871 - Lucy Katherine b 29 Dec; d 9 Apr 1905 (pioneer telegrapher in Kenwood)

1876 - Mary Emma "May" b 24 Dec; m Sam B LEWIS 28 Sep 1902; d 1970 (See Notes)

1879 - Almira Leigh b 18 Apr; m James S WILSON 11 Dec 1904; d Feb 1951 " "

1882 - William "Will" Russel b 15 Dec; m Amy HOUSE (was also an early
 telegrapher and later in real estate in Berkeley, CA)

1904 - J X Wilson of Santa Rosa, grandson of Betty, sent me the
 following Resolution: "Santa Rosa Parlor No. 28, N.S.G.W. (Native Sons
 of the Golden West) Sept. 22d, 1904. RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MRS
 ELIZABETH WHITE. Whereas, the Angel of Death has visited the home of
 one of Sonoma County's Pioneers and taken to her Eternal Resting
 Place. Mrs. Elizabeth White, the mother of our esteemed brother, A. F. (Asa
 Franklin) White, and Whereas, Mrs White has been a resident of Sonoma County
 for many years since 1851 and was universally esteemed and respected, and
 being of a kind benevolent and religious disposition, many can testify to her
 acts of charity, benevolence and selfdenial and many have been benefitted by
 her kind and cordial words - Resolved, that we extend the hand of sympathy
 to our bereaved brother and join with him in lamenting the loss of so
 estimable a woman, And be it further Resolved, that these resolutions
 be entered in full upon our minutes and a copy of the same be forwarded
 to Brother White. C. E. Hoag, A. DeW. Brown, Sidney Kurlander, Committee."



Betty Box White - 1896, 52 years old

Notes for Charles Wesley "Charley" WHITE-42

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 1829 - Charles Wesley "Charley" WHITE b 23 Mar 1829, Cazenovia, Madison Co, NY
 Parents: Asa WHITE & Amy HAIGHT
 m Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX 20 Feb 1862, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 2 Sep 1918, Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA

1850+ - Undated, unattributed clipping sent to me by J X Wilson, grandson of Charley White: "Charles Wesley White's Early Reminiscences of Life in Sonoma County - Charles Wesley White, who died not long ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs Bainbridge, in Oakland, was one of Santa Rosa's best known pioneers. Speaking of Mr White's early life in this county and state, his daughter, Mrs Sam Lewis of Sonoma says:
 "'In telling of his early life in California my father said:
 'I sailed from New York in September, 1850, and landed at Long Wharf San Francisco November 11, 1850. I came across the Isthmus. I remained in San Francisco working in a hotel with another man by the name of White - no relative of mine - until April 1851. Then starting to Sacramento by boat, I was taken sick with measles, and got off the boat at Benicia. There I first met the late Major Brown. He was very kind to me. From Benicia I went to Suisun and rented a ranch from the 'East India Tea Co' (three Englishmen) where I remained until the early fall of '53. On this ranch I raised hogs and was greatly bothered with bears killing them. I rode horseback to Sonoma county in '53 and there were few houses between Suisun and Santa Rosa. I came to this county to build a house for pioneer Kerns of Mark West creek. While in Sonoma Valley I tasted my first fresh fruit in California (Spanish peaches) at Caliente springs, a stopping place conducted by a Mr Smith. It was while building Mr Kerns' house that I first met James Pruitt, now superior Judge of Glenn county. 'On my way back to Suisun to settle up my affairs so I could move to Mark West and build this house for Mr Kerns, I stopped at the old adobe outside of Santa Rosa and voted at the first election held in Sonoma county - 1853. (Father voted at every county election since 1853 excepting the one the Tuesday before he died. - Mrs L.) Hoen, Hartman, Meacham and Hahman were keeping a 'General Merchandise' store in partnership. Colgan and wife were keeping a hotel there also. 'After completing the building of Kerns' house I took a trip as far north as Humboldt Co. In Potter Valley I met old Mr Potter. Returning I settled in Santa Rosa and remained there until November 1890. 'The coming Fourth of July, 1854 was to have a big celebration which was held near the present Fremont school. 'Mr Colgan was keeping a restaurant in the lower part of the Masonic hall, the building now on the corner of 1st and Main sts, and in order to have this room for the grand ball, Mr Colgan had to move out. A man by the name of Perkin had started a saw mill over on O'Farrell Hill, so I went over and got lumber to put up a rough shed building for them to move the restaurant into. This was the first manufactured lumber in Sonoma county and this shed was the starting of the Colgan hotel, part of which now stands. At this 4th of July ball, if my memory fails not, Squire Coulter and his wife were married. The same James Pruitt I met at Mark West read the Declaration of Independence at this celebration. The purpose of the celebration seems to have been to get the proposition before the people of moving the county seat from Sonoma to Santa Rosa. 'Barney Hoen built and gave use of a building on the corner of 4th and C sts (now Mendocino Ave) for a county Court house until the county built the county building on the opposite corner of 4th and C sts. The first county building was a one-story brick and was later added to. I finished off the first court room in the building. During this time residences were built around the plaza or square and most of the county

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officers had their offices in their homes. I remember the county treasurer had only a portable Iron safe about 2 feet square that was kept in his residence. Adjoining the court house was erected a jail with a few cells. After Judge Shattuck of Sonoma served as County Judge, William Churchman was judge. During Churchman's term I remember a laughable happening. Jake Harris and Henry Branstetter were great chums and always up to tricks. One day while Churchman was holding court, Branstetter and many others were under the impression the session was over, so Branstetter jumped astride Jake Harris' shoulders and Harris paraded about the room. Judge Churchman's hair was very scarce, but all he had stood on end he was so angry; but Harris and Branstetter apologized, as they thought Court had been dismissed, so we all had a good laugh. 'When Santa Rosa was first laid out into lots it was from A to E streets, and 1st to 5th streets. I believe Hoen and Hahman owned all east of C st and Julio Carillo the west of C st. When the plaza was first laid out and given it was to the city, not the county. I saw the first deed. After a few years, a lawyer, George Hinton, came and he took such a fancy to the spot and its native grove of oaks that he took up a subscription of about \$480 to fence the plaza and erect a flag pole. A man by the name of Charles Segreist (not sure of the spelling) turned the posts. Of this I am sure, as I was interested and subscribed to the fund. Before this I had opened a work and cabinet shop on Third st adjoining the Dr Boyce property. I was the first undertaker in Santa Rosa, making the coffins myself. 'I then took up my trade - carpenter and builder - I had learned in the East - followed contracting until I left Santa Rosa.'"

1862 - Sonoma County Marriage Book A, Page 250 lists: "White, Charles Wesley, Santa Rosa Twp and Elizabeth Caroline Box, 20 Feb 1862, by R Middleton, JP, 1861-67 Santa Rosa" (Per Margaret Wiltshire, Kenwood)

1873 - Charles Wesley WHITE was a carpenter who went to White River, Tulare Co, CA in the Spring of 1873, just in time to hang the windows and finish the house for Sarah Jane BOX GUTHRIE He came down to White River from Santa Rosa, walked up to the homestead and took them all by surprise.

1874 - P 194 of the HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY - NAPA, LAKE & SONOMA COUNTIES: "C. W. White, Carpenter, no place of business, 1st Street, Santa Rosa."

1890 - Great Register of Voters for Sonoma Co, CA 1890: White, Charles Wesley, 59 (should be 61), b. NY, Contractor, Santa Rosa Twp"

1991 - James X Wilson, grandson of Charley White, said that the plans for "The Gables" house on Petaluma hill had his father's name on them. Charley was a draftsman as well as a master carpenter, and often drew up plans. J X also told me that Charley White built the first house in Santa Rosa, now torn down, as is the Odd Fellows Hall mentioned above.

1991 - White family information gathered by an unknown benefactor and sent to me by JX Wilson lists Charley White as "First Son of Asa; Architect, Methodist." This family chart also shows the one and only connection so far to the "Mayflower" by including a 7th generation relative of Charley's named Peregrine White who was born in a cabin of the "Mayflower" on December 19, 1620, just three days after it landed at Plymouth Rock on December 16 (one history date indelibly etched in my mind because it is both my father's and Beethoven's birthday!).

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Notes for Amy Frances WHITE-43

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1866 - Amy Frances WHITE b 19 Jan 1866, Franklin, Sonoma Co, CA

Parents: Charles Wesley "Charley" WHITE & Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX
m Clarence E "Cal" BAINBRIDGE 14 Dec 1902, Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA
d 5 Dec 1962, Danville, Contra Costa Co, CA

1866 - Jan -According to Amy's nephew, JX Wilson, and confirming one obituary report, Amy was born in an adobe in the old town of Franklin in Sonoma County. J X remembered hearing it called the "Halman (sp?) Adobe" and that a movement to restore and preserve the adobe is in progress, but nothing definite yet.

(NOTE: Later information from JX included memories of his grandfather, Charley White, in which the name "Hahman" is mentioned, and this may be the name of the adobe. See reference to an adobe in obituary below also.)

pre-1902 - My sister Evelyn said that prior to caring for Cal Bainbridge's children, Amy took care of Elma Box for a short time. Aunt Ora said she didn't like Amy at the time because she was too strict and wouldn't let Aunt Ora ride horseback and run free.

1902 - Amy married Clarence "Cal" Bainbridge after being hired as a housekeeper and nurse for the children when Cal's first wife died. Margaret Wiltshire of Kenwood sent me the following record from early church books in Kenwood: "Dec 14, 1902, Clarence E Bainbridge, 36, of Anderson (CA) to Amy White, 36, Kenwood, by Rev R B Cherington (Minister of Los Guillicos Congregational Church). Both girls, Hazel and Vyvyan, considered Amy their mother.

1908 - 18 Dec postcard from Amy to her sister May, addressed to "Mrs S B Lewis, Sonoma City, Sonoma Co": "Dear May, Hazel (BAINBRIDGE, her step-daughter) will be up Sunday with her things to send to Eleanor (Amy's sister Allie's daughter). Allie ((WHITE) WILSON, Amy's sister)' said Mr W was to go over for Marguerite & Erl. If convenient, perhaps Pa (Charley WHITE) had better meet Hazel as she will have large packages to carry. Hope Elizabeth (May's daughter) is well. Amy."

1942 - Undated letter from Amy to Anita & Reuben, probably early 1942 as she refers to Norman in Honolulu (he was enroute Pearl Harbor Day, 7 Dec 1941) and having received Anita's & Reuben's Christmas card:
"Dear Anite & Reuben - Your Christmas card reached us in due time...We were indeed glad to know Norman was safe and well. We understood he was in Honolulu. You must feel relieved in hearing direct from him for War News is so upsetting to a person at any time. We are having such a storm and still it rains. Cal and I just stay in house, keep warm and read most of the time. Will & Minnie Zane called today. Will spoke of hearing from you folks. He is looking real well now. This Sonoma County air is what he needed. We had a nice newsy letter from Sam & Dorothy Johnson this week, both well. Sam will be 81 in Feb. We had a card from Ora saying she had a letter from Kathryn McCabe saying (Fanny) her Mother was very much worse and the end seemed near. We see little of Ora for at Winter time she seldom comes to the Glen Ellen place..I suppose you are having some snow now and enjoying it. On the 18th, May (Amy's sister, May (WHITE) LEWIS), Allie (Amy's sister, Almira "Allie" (WHITE) WILSON) & family, also Hazel, (Cal's daughter) & George (her husband, George NELSON) joined us to celebrate my birthday. We had a lovely day and nice visit. We would like for you folks to visit us soon, but I suppose you are like all parents, when you are free to leave home you make your daughter and grandchildren a visit and have no time for others. That was the way we did when Vivian lived in Oakland. Now the grandchildren are too far away to see often. They visit us each summer during their long vacation, which is about the only time we

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see them now. So do enjoy your babies while they are young. May still teaches and drops in often to see us. Allie & Jimmie went to Dos Palos to visit Eleanor last week. Eleanor's husband has been real sick for months. There seems no cure for him. It is a sad case, for he is such a wonderful man and too young to die. We all feel keenly his condition. Let us hear when you feel like writing and come see us. Cal joins me in best wishes and love, Amy."

1962 - Per Aunt Anita's 1962 scrapbook - obituary for Amy:

"EX-KENWOOD PIONEER DIES AT AGE OF 96

"Private funeral services were held in Danville (CA) on Dec 8 for Mrs Amy White Bainbridge who died Dec 5 at the age of 96 years. Mrs Bainbridge was the sister of Mrs May E Lewis, retired Sonoma Valley school teacher and Flowery principal, now a resident of Petaluma. She was the mother of Mrs George Nelson of Danville (Hazel) and Mrs Paul Gallagher (Vyvyan) of Sacramento. "Mrs Bainbridge's parents settled near Kenwood in the early 1850's. She was born in January, 1866, in an adobe building which was on the site now occupied by St Eugene's Church in Montgomery Village.

"For many years she and her husband, Clarence, were residents of Kenwood, but since his death in 1953 she had lived with her daughters."

1990 - 19 Jan letter from Margaret Wiltshire in Kenwood, excerpt:

"...I have a copy of a 1949 newspaper with Mrs Bainbridge giving much of the information as a historian of that day. I believe she is listed as being a granddaughter of Mr and Mrs Ruben (sic?) Box, who settled in the valley almost 100 years ago (as of 1949). Miss Amy White joined the Kenwood Church in 1895, married Clarence E Bainbridge 1902. She was dropped from membership rolls in 1914, reinstated 4/1/23. On 6/24/24 a daughter (NOTE; Vyvyan) of 23 married Paul Gallagher, 24, of Berkeley, performed by Rev Youngman..."

Vyvyan lived in Oakland in June, 1920 after receiving an appointment to teach in the Emeryville Schools. She gave up her position at the Coho School in White River (where she had taught John Hiram GUTHRIE) to move back north closer to her parents. Her husband, Paul Gallagher (b 1900) died in the late 1980's when they were living in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek. Following his death Vyvyan moved to Sacramento to live with a daughter. JX Wilson said Vyvyan had two children, one named Amy Jean who had about 5 children.

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Notes for Mary Emma "May" WHITE-44

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1876 - Mary Emma "May" WHITE b 24 Dec 1876, Sonoma Co, CA

Parents: Charles Wesley "Charley" WHITE & Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX
 m Samuel B "Sam" LEWIS 28 Sep 1902, Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 1970
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma Co, CA

1894 - 8 Sep - Old church records found by Margaret Wiltshire of Kenwood;
 "Mary Emma White, confirmed Sept 8, 1894, married Oct 16, 1902, dismissed to
 Sonoma." (NOTE: This marriage date conflicts with the 28 Sep 1902 listed
 in the church marriage record below. Since the Sep date is the one I had
 previously from two sources in the family, I use that for now.)

1895 - May White listed as a member of the Kenwood church, Her husband-to-be,
 Sam Lewis, was also listed for this year, and her sister, Lucy..

1897 - Property transactions involving May White (Same source as above)
 "A piece of property in Kenwood, lots 19 and 20 in Block 13 was acquired
 from A Frederikson to Lucy K and Mary E White 4/27/97, then I think Lucy
 bought out from Mary E 9/10/02. After Lucy died it went to Amy White
 Bainbridge 10/1/06. In one place I saw that Amy had 1/3, Mary White
 Lewis had 1/3, and I've written A W Nelson for the other 1/3, but maybe
 meant Allie White Wilson. A W Bainbridge et al sold 2/27/19 to Mary
 White Lewis. A Fredrikson & wife filed quit claim 12/14/20. Mary White
 Lewis sold to Charlotte Kenworthy 12/23/20, and it was sold to Henrietta
 Sittenfeld 11/15/22. So much for the White ownership of lots 19-20."

1898 - 1901 - In the Sonoma Room of the Sonoma County Library in Santa
 Rosa, the "Teachers, All Schools" card file includes: "May E WHITE - Los
 Guilicos - Teacher 22 Aug 1898 to 23 Dec 1898 and 9 Oct 1899 to 13 Jun 1901."

1897-1908 - Margaret Wiltshire sent an excerpt from THE KENWOOD STORY
 by James Fidiham (realtor) 1954 which tells of forming a Council to solve civic
 problems in the 1897 to 1908 period of Kenwood's history. An undated photo above
 the article has the caption: "A school picture from days of old in Kenwood.
 Pictured...(names of about 25 students)...and teacher May White (Lewis)."

1898 - 6 Jun- Margaret sent a picture of the Dunbar District school in Kenwood
 with Mary Emma White standing in the doorway surrounded by her students. See
 Samuel W Johnson Notes for more information on the heritage of Dunbar School.

1902 - 28 Sep - (Same source) from church records book:
 "Marriage: Sept 28, 1902, Samuel B Lewis, 30, Sonoma, to Mary E. White, 25,
 Kenwood, married by Rev Reed B Cherington, minister of the Kenwood Church.

aft 1902 - Elizabeth b; m Americo "Mel" GIUBERGIA 1931;

Children: Katheryn Marie b 7 May 1936 (only one for whom I have
 a date because of an announcement in Aunt Anita's book);
 Ida May, Clare, Jessie, Johnny - plus Elizabeth usually
 had several foster children living with them.

Elizabeth, like her mother, taught before she was married. Her daughter
 Katheryn is a nun and was reportedly in San Rafael. I wrote to every convent
 in San Rafael and received immediate and most courteous replies, but negative.
 JX Wilson said he believed she was now in a convent in Oakland. He also said
 he believed Elizabeth d abt 1985, and Mel abt 1986.

1930's - May lived in Sonoma on the main street leaving the City Square.

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The house was very large, all white, with a screened porch all the way around the front and one side. She always came to all the family reunions and was very interested in the family history. She was a school teacher and principal in the city of Sonoma. I remember her as a kind lady particularly interested in all of the children.

1934 - Aunt Ora's scrapbook has three pictures of the 1934 Family Reunion held at May Lewis' home in Sonoma. One is captioned: "White, Zane & Box cousins," another, "Reunion at May Lewis' 1933" and finally, "Men cousins."

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May Lewis
1902.

Notes for Almira Leigh "Allie" WHITE-49

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1879 - Almira Leigh "Allie" WHITE b 18 Apr 1879, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 Parents: Charles Wesley "Charley" WHITE & Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" BOX
 m James S WILSON 11 Dec 1904, Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA
 d 13 Feb 1951, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur 15 Feb 1951 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

1895 - Almira White confirmed and baptised as an adult in the Kenwood Church, the same year as her sister Amy was baptised. (per Margaret Wiltshire)

1902 - Allie was elected a delegate to the Glen Ellen-Sonoma Association.

1905 - Eleanor Elizabeth b 5 Oct, Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA m 1) James BARTON
 m 2) Roy ALLEN; lived in Dos Palos, CA; d 7 or 8 Jan 1982

1907 - James X b 6 Nov 1907 (See his Notes)

1909 - Apr postcard from Allie in Sonoma to her father and her sister May - addressed "Mr C W White, Sonoma City, Sonoma Co, Calif."- "Dear Papa & May - Arrived home all safe. Had a fine ride. Got home about six. Have been awfully busy since getting home, The pictures haven't come yet. Will write in a few days. Hope you are all well. With love, Allie."

1913 - 8 Jul - As Mrs James Wilson, Allie dropped her membership in the church by letter.

1951 - Aunt Anita's 1951 scrapbook has the following 2 obituaries:

1) "Mrs Wilson, Wright Dist., Dead at 70 - Mrs James S Wilson, a native Santa Rosan, who served as a verbal 'historian' of almost 3 generations, died last night at her home in Wright District. (Aunt Ora pencilled in "Feb. 13-1951" before sending on to Anita) "Mrs Wilson, who had remained active until recently, succumbed to a heart ailment. She was 70... Born in 1880 in a home still standing on Sonoma Ave near Doyle Park Dr., she was the former Almira White, daughter of the late Charles W White, who came to Santa Rosa in the middle 1850's, and Mrs White. She was educated in Santa Rosa schools... She had 'watched Santa Rosa grow' from its early days, her son, James X Wilson, recalled today. "She remembered, and often talked about, the earthquake and the rebuilding of the town... 'Every time we went to town she remembered how it used to be before - what used to stand in place of all the new buildings.' He described her as 'quite a historian' who always had 'on the tip of her tongue' facts about her family and happenings in this area. But, he said, she never recorded the history she had watched develop... She spent all her life in Santa Rosa except for the period between 1916 and 1926 when the family lived in Willows, in the Sacramento Valley. Mr Wilson said she maintained 'close contact' with Santa Rosa while she was away from the community... She was married in 1904 in Kenwood to James Wilson, who was killed in an accident on the family ranch, at 1500 Wright Rd, 3 years ago... Her father is remembered as an architect and contractor who assisted in the construction of Odd Fellows Hall and other landmark buildings in Santa Rosa. "Mrs Wilson was a member of the Wright District Ladies Club and of the Presbyterian Church... Also surviving her are a daughter, Mrs Eleanor Allen, also of Santa Rosa; 2 sisters, Mrs C E Bainbridge of Kenwood and Mrs May E Lewis of Sonoma; and a brother, William R White of Berkeley... She was the sister of the late Lucy K and A Frank White. Two grandchildren, Ann and James Wilson, and several nieces and nephews, also are among her survivors... Funeral services to be held Thursday at Welti Funeral Parlor, are still to be completed."

2) "Funeral Rite Set for Mrs James Wilson - SANTA ROSA, Feb 14 -
 "Funeral services for Mrs James S Wilson, 70, member of a pioneer Santa

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Rosa family, will take place on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Welti chapel here. Committal will be at the Chapel of Chimes. She died from a heart ailment at her home in Wright district on Monday. "She was the former Almira White, daughter of the late Charles W White, who came to Santa Rosa in the middle 1850's and Mrs White and resided here all of her life except for two years when the family lived in Willows. She was regarded as a 'historian' as she had a wealth of knowledge concerning happenings in this area over a period of many years. "Mrs Wilson was the widow of the late James Wilson and the mother of Mrs Eleanor Allen of Dos Palos and James X Wilson of Santa Rosa."



J. X. WILSON ELEMENTARY

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 1907 - James X WILSON b 6 Nov 1907, Monticello, Napa Co, CA
 Parents: James S WILSON & Almira Leigh "Allie" WHITE
 m Dorothy DOWELL 27 Oct 1942, Sacramento, Sacramento Co, CA

1907 - 29 Apr - James X Wilson told me the following: His parents had a dairy on the Leddy (sp?) Tract near Santa Rosa with about 100 cows, then moved to the Sacramento Valley where he was born and had a dairy there also. He was born in Monticello, Napa Co, CA, and his Great-Aunt Sarah Jane (BOX) GUTHRIE delivered him. The initial "X" is just that: an initial - it does not stand for anything. His wife calls him "Jimmy" and his friends call him "J. X." He began school in a one-room school with about 12 children. The James X Wilson School at 246 Brittain Lane, Santa Rosa is now named for him, and has a studentbody of about 700. Next door to the school is the J X Wilson Park with public access at all times. He has been a Trustee of the Wright School District in Santa Rosa for 56 years, and is still active in school affairs. His business card has a sketch of the "Original Wright Elementary School - 1865" on one side with "J.X. WILSON, Trustee, Continuous Board Member Since 1935" plus addresses, telephone numbers, etc on the other side....a very attractive card. He has been a member of the Native Sons of California for 60 years.

Stories about Reuben Franklin Box that he heard as a child:

1) He was told that "R F Box was elected Superintendent of Schools for Sonoma and Lake Counties before they were separated, but that he died shortly after the beginning of his term. This was in addition to his job as Sonoma Co Tax Assessor;"

2) Heard that "the Box plantation in Texas was on or near the property where the first Court House in Houston was built;"

3)"R F Box was a friend of General George Yount in Texas when they were young lads in school together. When R F Box came to California in 1851 he looked up George Yount in Yountville to learn more about the area. Yount knew of 300 acres for sale and Box purchased this land."

He told me that the Box family plot in the Valley Cemetery in Sonoma was sorely neglected at one time. His mother, Almira "Allie" (WHITE) WILSON came into some extra money and used it to have the plot completely covered in concrete with the gravestones above ground for protection. I was there in January 1991, as well as many times in the past 50 years, and it is very well maintained.

1942 - 27 Oct - Married Dorothy Dowell.

1945 - 16 Jan - Ann Jane was born (Santa Rosa) with Down's syndrome and has always lived at home.

1947 - 17 Oct - James Franklin was born in Santa Rosa, is a captain in the California State Forestry department, stationed in Chico in 1991. He has a daughter Victoria, b Nov 1973.

1978 - 12 Dec (Sonoma) THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, Metro Section, full front page clipping sent to me by J X Wilson in June 1991: Half page photo of JX in front of the school named for him, with caption: "James X Wilson, Wright District Trustee, stands outside the school named in his honor. At age 70 and still going strong, he can relate not only to district history, but early Santa Rosa events with ease. For 18 to 20 of the 43 years he's served on the school board, his name didn't even appear on the ballot; he was elected as a write-in candidate." Article excerpts: "AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK - 'All children should be treated with respect' - by

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John Adams - James X Wilson has a place in education history in Sonoma County if not in California based on continuing service as a school district trustee. "Wilson, member of a pioneer area family, has been a Wright School District trustee 43 years. His current four-year term expires in 1981. "The district has two schools, Wright and J X Wilson, the latter named in honor of Wilson's long-time service. The second school opened in March 1977 and was expanded in time for this school year.....With some urging from Wilson Principal Wilma Camden, the long-time trustee recalled how he saved the bell from the first Wright School, how his name never appeared on the ballot for 18 to 20 years when he was elected as a write-in candidate, his role in helping establish the first special education class north of San Francisco and how flashing red lights on a school bus first led to trouble with the law, but later became mandatory in bus operations. "The latest achievement was the naming of the district's second school in Wilson's honor, marked by a dedication ceremony in late October after a four-classroom addition was completed.....Wright School has kindergarten and grades one, two, three and six, while Wilson has a kindergarten and grades four and five. Total enrollment is 577....21 classroom teachers and five support teachers in resource and special program roles.....Wilson said the board considers the children first, taxpayers second and school personnel third, but in a balanced approach.... A retired dairy rancher, Wilson was born 'at the bottom of the lake' in Napa County. His birthplace was the town of Monticello, flooded by Lake Berryessa. "His parents named him James X. Wilson with the "X" a letter only. His father, James, whose middle initial "S" also was a letter only, said his son was given the "X" because there were so many James and Jim Wilsons. "The family moved to Hoen Avenue in 1911, then to the Sacramento Valley at Willows and a dairy operation prior to returning to Sonoma County in 1926. "Wilson was in the first grade at the old Fremont Grammar School -now Fremont Park - with Clark Mailer of the Mailer (later Mailer-Frey) hardware family and other notable Santa Rosans...He...graduated from Santa Rosa High School in 1927. He worked with his father on the dairy, eventually taking over until he sold it in 1965.. The existing Wright School was was dedicated in 1951. At one point at the former school, Wilson said the belfry became a hazard and he had it removed, saving the 1865 bell....(in 1976) Wilson produced the old school bell and it was installed along with a new sign and plaque at Wright..."The Wilsons were one of four couples who joined together to incorporate as Sonoma County Council for Retarded Children and established Steven Irwin School at the former Wright School site, working with trainable mentally retarded children. "Besides the couples' own children, Wilson said the council's beginning harmony in the district and his total interest in the education of the children are the basis for his long service."

1984 - Superintendent's Bulletin, Sonoma County Office of Education, Jan/Feb 1984 photo caption: "J.X. "Jim" Wilson, veteran trustee with a half-century of dedicated service to the Wright School District was honored at a portrait unveiling recently at his namesake Wilson School. SCOE associate Sup't Dick Bacon (l.) and Wright Sup't Patsy Barnes added their congratulations. The framed color portrait hangs in the school's entrance hallway."

1985 - 19 Feb Sonoma THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, Metro Plus section clipping: Caption under large photo: "James 'J.X.' Wilson really stands out with his 50 years of service in Wright District" - (article excerpts) "Trustees say school board's job not like old days - by John Adams - "School boards no longer set tax rates, propose and lobby for bond issues, or deal directly in other such money matters."

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"They do, as some members said, spend much of their time shuffling papers and responding to state and federal mandates including the adoption of balanced budgets. Some have watched one-page agendas grow into inch-thick binders...Why then, do long-time trustees like J S Wilson, James Voss, Thelma Jorgensen, and others continue to serve?...To a person, they say their longevity is based on pride in their district, a desire to serve as long as needed, and more importantly, a keen interest in helping children and the community by working to improve education...Wilson, clerk of the Wright School District board seemingly forever, is the dean of trustees in Sonoma County. He is looking forward to April when he will have been a trustee for 50 years. He began serving long before there were 50 states, jets or computers. "The district has named a school in his honor and the Sonoma County School Trustees Association now gives an annual award named for Wilson...Retired from dairy ranching, Wilson isn't sure about running when his term is up in November. "I'm not committing myself right now," he said 'But I dont' know what I'd do if I wasn't on the board.'....."

1985 - April - WIZARD NOTIONS, Vol. 1, No. 1, J.S. Wilson School newspaper....a very professional job!!!...has an interview with "J.X. WILSON: THE MAN by Alison Heysek and Kirsten Knudson - "James X. Wilson went to the old Fourth Street School in Santa Rosa. He graduated from Bayless Elementary School. (He wrote in "Glenn Co") Then from there he went to Willows High School, but came back to Santa Rosa High School where he graduated. "The first Wright School was one room. The teacher was Mrs Baker. The school went up to the eighth grade. When Cook Junior High was built, all the older kids went there. "James X. Wilson has the letter, X, for his middle initial, or, name. Mr Wilson was elected to the school board of Wright School District in 1935. The school board chose to name the new school J. X. Wilson School after Mr. Wilson when it was built in 1976. "The school board makes the school policies and hires the teachers and principals of the schools. "The portrait of Mr. Wilson that is hanging in the hallway was taken in 1983 by Harvey Henningson."

1991 - Margaret Wiltshire sent a clipping, Sonoma Index-Tribune 21 May: "County honor for 3 'Who care' by Susan Genna, Index-Tribune Staff Writer - Three Valley 'givers' were applauded at the county level last week for their extraordinary contributions to education...And to formally recognize their efforts...Bob Earnest will be honored at the Sonoma County School Trustees' Association's annual awards banquet at the Red Lion Inn in Rohnert Park Thursday evening. "...EARNEST WAS ONE of two individuals selected to receive its prestigious J. X. Wilson Award, given annually to a community leader chosen for special contributions and service to local education over a sustained period of time...The award is named for Santa Rosa's Wright School District Trustee, J. X. Wilson, whose tenure currently spans a remarkable 58 years - said to be among the longest in California educational history..."

....and in June J X Wilson sent me the program:
 "1991 Sonoma County School Trustees Association - 'Awards Banquet' Program - Red Lion Inn, Rohnert Park, CA, May 23, 1991....J.X. Wilson Awards - Robert C Earnest, Sonoma Valley Unified...Dr Wesley W Ebert, Petaluma City Schools."

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1848 - James Allen "Al" BOX b 9 Mar 1848, TX
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 d 14 Jan 1901, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA
 bur Valley Cemetery, Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA

1848 - There appears to be a discrepancy in James Allen's birthdate. All of my records say he was born 9 Mar 1848, but in a letter written 9 July 1899 (copy follows) he opens with "I have this day Eaten my Birthday Dinner.." so perhaps the correct date is 9 Jul. Since he was born in Texas and there is still no indication of where the family lived in Texas, there is no way to confirm the date.

1888 - 3 Jan - Santa Rosa Daily Republican article: "James A Shaw and others are circulating a petition for the construction of the county road near the farm of James A Box, around the track of the Santa Rosa and Carquines Railroad, thereby avoiding the crossing of the track at two places which is very dangerous."

1890 - McDONALD AVENUE...A CENTURY OF ELEGANCE by Ann M Connor, published Jan 1970 refers to Thomas J Geary of Santa Rosa running for House of Representatives on the Democratic ticket. On p 35 there is a reference to the last rally for Geary on the Saturday before the November 4 1890 election. The political meeting and rally was held at the Athenaeum. Among the attendees listed was "Allan (sic) Box."

1890 Great Register of Voters, Sonoma Co, CA for 1890 shows:
 "Box, James Allen, 36 (wrong age, should be 42), b. Texas, farmer, Son Twp"

1891 - 29 Sep, Deed Book 133, p 431, in Sonoma County Recorder's Office, has an Indenture between James A Box, grantor, and Robert Hodge, grantee. Excerpts: "This Indenture Made this twenty-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety one, Between James A Box, of the County of Sonoma, State of California (a single man) the party of the first part, and Robert Hodge, of the City and County of San Francisco....the party of the second part Witnesseth: That (Box)...for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars Gold Coin of the United States of America to him in hand paid by (Hodge)....does....grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto ... (Hodge)..and to his heirs and assigns forever, all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the Guilicos Rancho County of Sonoma.....bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a redwood stake standing about six inches North Easterly from the dwelling house formerly owned by Mrs Lucy Box: from which a black oak tree two feet in diameter, marked with a blaze and two notches bears South(long directional and dimensional description of property follows)....containing 114.65 acres.....In Witness Whereof the said (Box)....has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written. James A Box (seal) Signed, sealed and Delivered in the Presence of W H Pool.
 "On this 29th day of Sept A D 1891 before me, Gil P Hall, County Recorder of Sonoma County, personally appeared James A Box, known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Witness my hand and Official Seal, Gil P Hall, County Recorder; W H Pool, Deputy Recorder."

1899 - Letter from James Allen in Florence, Idaho 9 Jul 1899 with the following printed in graceful calligraphy at the top of the page: "Miners' Hotel. Bar in Connection. H. Hagen, Proprietor. General Stage and Express Office. Florence,

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Idaho" The letter is addressed to Mrs S. J. Guthrie, White River, Tulare Co, Cal, postmarked Jul 8 1899 in Florence, Jul 10 1899 in Cranceville, Idaho and Jul 17 in White River, Cal:

"Dear Sister, I have this day Eaten my Birthday Dinner. Fresh Potatoes, young Onions, Cornbeef, Butter & Bread & Tea. I enjoyed it, for my Bacon & Boiled Beenes & Yeast Powder Bread is rather Stale, but is good all the same. Well, Sister, I am right hear in the hart of three new mineing campes. One of my Comrades, Mr L. B. Niecess, is waiting for a letter So we are camp out of Florence 8 miles. I hope to find a ritch mine at Buffelo Hump. The Snow is still deep no feed for Horses at the Hump. I want to Hear from you all as I haven't rec. but one letter since I left - theire I rote to John Eannes & Ed & Clara (Uhl, probably) at Bishop. Mr McCombray & Mr Niecess & myself are all old chapes but are agreeable. Have five Horses, 3 Packed, two under the Saddle. I will be in this part for a Short-time. It is my PO so Lester and Fanna (Guthrie, probably) must write. I rec a letter from Adline & Elmus (Zane) help to Berry Dan H Gurne in Dawson Citty Alaska. All well in Sonoma Co when she rote. I want to heare Howe is Teaching the Oak flat school. Did Kelley get it. Let me have all the news & all that. Hatched, matched & despatch Since the 13 of March 99 and how you all spent the 4 and I will let you heaare what luck I have at the Hump. John, you are interested in So you must give me some pointers. I will assure you I take them for I want to make a quick rase to come out for the Snow was 20 Deep in theire this winter clames that was located on the Snow Show it debth. Jane I can't think of any thing to write. I had a long cold lonesome Journey. Still, I have long wanted to leave Cal. I came Clear throo Nevada & am this far thro Idiaho. I see Tom McPhurson & Fanna Ocalahan Mrs M K Eage in Elco, Nevada. She has 7 Children, A Widdo. Mark is dead. She is Nearly as Black as Fanna Dent. Tell Elenner Caldwell & Larra E I think I will send for them this Winter for Wimmen ar Scarce in some Partes of Idiaho I have been & all other Creaping things. Love to all you. Bro Jim Box."

(NOTE: The Caldwell sisters were cousins descended from Reuben Franklin Box's sister, Frances F (BOX) CALDWELL, who lived in Tulare Co and were unmarried. I don't think I have to point out that James Allen was a devout bachelor, particularly in view of his last sentence in this letter.

His signature is interesting in that it is the first time in family history I have ever heard him called "Jim."....and since it is a self-appellation, perhaps it is what his friends and co-workers called him. In the family he was always called "Al" Box. My brother is named for him, and is also called "Al" Box by his colleagues and contemporaries.)

1899 - Gertrude Uhl's autograph album excerpt:

"Dear Niece, You are young and full of life so enjoy yourself while you can. Always respect old age, for it is but a short time till you yourself will be numbered with the old ones.

'Uncle Allen Box - Hetten P.O. Trinity County, Cal. Feb. the 20, 1899.'"

1901 - Per Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:

"...In Grandma Jin's (Sarah Jane BOX) letter to Less (GUTHRIE) written Feb 6 1901, she mentioned her grief at the death of her brother, Al. She had been taking care of him in Bakersfield when he died, and she herself had the illness (perhaps the flu?) but was by that time 'at home and nearly well.'

1901 - 6 Feb - Excerpt from Jane's GRANDMA JIN essay - letter to Less from Grandma Jin, Sarah Jane Box Guthrie:

"...Lester, it was hard to give up poor Al, but everything was done that human hands could. God claims his own at all seasons and I try to be

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reconciled....There is one thing sure - we all have to go sooner or later. The young may die but the old must die so we should live right and try to be prepared to meet our loved ones with Jesus in that unknown heaven where we will have no more sorrow. ..."

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"Al" Box - taken
at D A Porter's
Gallery
Santa Rosa, CA

Notes for William Josiah "Jo" BOX-13

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1846 - William Josiah "Jo" BOX b 17 Mar 1846, TX?

Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Margaret C "Maggie" SMITH 6 Sep 1883 (d 27 Mar 1893)
 d 26 May 1903
 bur Lynn's Valley, White River, Tulare Co, CA

1846 - 17 Mar - Per Uncle Reuben, he was the first child of the family born in Texas. Information from an old "Family Record" book sent to me by JX Wilson in June 1991, shows the entry: "William J Box was borned in Texas in a log cabin no roof on it in March thl7 1846." The entries are all in the same hand, and may be that of Lucy or Reuben Franklin Box...most likely the latter, I have seen Lucy's hand, and this is much heavier, and one might say, more "masculine."

p41, CHILDHOOD MEMORIES by Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER: "That JO brand (used by her father, Less GUTHRIE) had belonged to Grandpa's uncle, Josiah BOX, one of the young brothers who had come here with Grandma Jin when Grandpa was only six."

1872-73 - Excerpts from Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:
 "... (1872) We stopped out in Jeff Jame's pasture a few days to rest the horses, and Uncle Jo hunted wild geese... "..."In the spring of 1873 Uncle Jo bought nine cows and calves from Bentley; his brand, JO, he had brought from Sonoma County. He made stockade corrals and brush or rail fences around the grain field; he purchased his first pigs about the fall of 1873 or later... "..."In the fall John Gibson and Uncle Jo and Uncle Reub built the old house..." "..."Grandma Jin's brothers continued to help her. ...Uncle Jo got one hundred head of cattle from Old Man Hubbs down on Tule River for \$500. Some got away and went back where they were shot by ranchers who had unfenced grain fields. There was a 'no fence' law which made people take care of stock..."Aunt Fannie: 'Uncle Jo and Ma wanted us to go to school. Uncle Jo had a lot to do with that school in White River'..."

1885 - Lucy b; d 8 Jul 1905, White River, Tulare Co, CA; bur Lynn's Valley
 with her father and mother.

1893 - Margaret "Mag" "Nig" Josephine Leonora b 27 Mar (see her Notes)

1890's - Jane Guthrie Muller sent me a copy of A HISTORY OF THE JACK RANCH by Emmett R Berry (1975) excerpts from which set the scene for the Jack Ranch where Jo Box and his family lived: "...before 1894 'English Jack' settled on the meadow that still bears his name and which lies about a quarter of a mile north of the Jack Ranch Resort...Jack had a partner...Squires. Jack was supposed to have some considerable amount of cash...Squires is alleged to have murdered Jack and to have burned the body in a brush pile adjacent to Jack's cabin...went to Bakersfield with Jack's money--so the story goes. "...neighbors went to Jack's cabin to see if something had happened to him.. They found a couple of bones still unburned...decided Squires was guilty... "...located Squires in Bakersfield...(drunk)...(he) admitted the murder and was returned to Lynn's Valley. ...Squires thought he would have a hearing in the Justice Court. That isn't quite the way it turned out. "The constable and 'posse' took Squires back to the meadow near Jack's cabin, made him dig his own grave, and hung him to a large oak tree directly over the grave. The tree still stands and can be seen today by those acquainted with its location...Later what was believed to be Squires skull was exposed by a plow and Bert Berry kept the skull among his relics for years....until apparently stolen by someone who prized its history more than did Bert Berry." "Because of the excitement caused by these gruesome incidents, the area where English Jack had lived became known as 'The Jack Ranch.' It was only

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natural that the John Denham homestead and adjacent property also ultimately would be named 'The Jack Ranch Resort.'

"Since 'English Jack' had not filed for a homestead on the meadow where he built his cabin, it was later homesteaded by Newt Smith, Margaret Box's grandfather. He raised garden products, especially cabbage, and peddled his products around the Plano Area. He was known as 'Cabbage Smith.'

(NOTE: The Jo Box Family Connection)

"Jo Box and Family also homesteaded property adjacent to Smith's. They accumulated a considerable amount of acreage in this manner. A total 680 acres were finally owned by Jo Box. He sold 160 acres of his property to Sanford Smith. The remaining 520 acres were willed to Margaret Box.

"Jo and Margaret C Smith Box built a comfortable wood-frame house on the hill near where Winnie Studer's present home is located, and not far from the cabin of the unfortunate Jack. This home was constructed somewhat similarly to the Denham home at the site of what became the Jack Ranch Resort. It had a separation between the kitchen-dining room and the living room and bedrooms. This breezeway seemed to be an accepted form of building in those days.

"Mrs Box passed away in 1893, and Jo was left with his two girls, Lucy and Margaret. Lucy was physically handicapped because of a curvature of the spine. Margaret, known as 'Nig' by her friends, was also rather delicate. Laura Guthrie, whose mother, Sarah Jane Box Guthrie, was a sister of Jo, came to take care of the girls. When Jo decided to lease his ranch, Laura Guthrie took the girls to White River where they lived several years.

There Laura Guthrie acted as Assistant Postmaster for the White River Post Office. Jo Box passed away in 1903, and he soon was followed by Lucy in death in 1905. They are buried in the Lynn's Valley Cemetery.

"... 'Nig' moved back to the old Jack Ranch.... Later she and Laura lived in Porterville for a time. Margaret went away to school, secured her teaching credential, and taught in the Los Angeles City Schools for many years. In later years she married and lived for a short time in Fresno where she passed away.

"Jo had leased his acreage to a man by the name of Joe Cooksey... cattle people from Prescott, Arizona, and came to California to continue the cattle business. Eventually, the Cookseys gave up the Jack Ranch lease and the property was sold by Margaret Box to W E 'Buck' Sanders in 1915. Winifred and Wilbur Studer later inherited the Ranch (Wilbur's mother was Leila Sanders). Since Wilbur's death, Winifred continues to own and operate the original Jack Ranch."

1901 - 21 Mar letter to Less, Grandma Jin: "Mag and Lucy are here on a visit. Their Papa will come for them in a few days. Your Uncle Jo is as well as common. John and Mary went to see him last Saturday. Found him working in his garden."

1905 - Per Jane's GUTHRIE story: "By July 1905 both Lucy and her father were dead; Laura Guthrie was taking care of Margaret (Mag or Nig) and quarreling with her brother, John, over the guardianship, for she wanted control of the Jack Ranch property and he was equally determined that it be kept intact for the child--as it was, for Nig eventually sold it to the Berry family. "The first letter (found among Cliff Uhl's things) is dated July 22, 1905--from Visalia, Cal.--letterhead, A H Murray Jr, Official Reporter Superior Court, Tulare County, California--signed by W B Wallace.

"Miss Laura Guthrie "Dear Madam: -

"There has been no appointment by order of court of a guardian for Margaret Josephine Leonora Box nor her deceased sister. If John F Guthrie was named as guardian in the will of the father he would have the preferred right to be appointed if he should choose to apply. I notice from the record that the estate of the father has not been distributed and therefore there is no property which could be the subject of guardianship. Probably he has delayed

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making an application for an order appointing him guardian because the estate is not closed. When the distribution shall be made then a guardian will be needed to receive and handle the property. Respectfully yours, W B Wallace"

"The next letter is from the Porterville lawyer, J F Boller, dated July

25, 1905: "Miss Laura Guthrie, White River, Calif. My Dear Miss Guthrie:-

"I have received all your letters all right. John came in today and we had a talk. He feels pretty hot about matters, so, as long as Maggie is not in condition to go on, we will let the matter drop for the present and await developments. John will go on and close up the Box Estate soon and we will get that much settled any way. So I will have the matter continued indefinitely and we will wait. Very truly yours, J F Boller"

"Nig became a teacher, and she and Aunt Laura (whom she called Lala) were living in a little white house on the east side of Hockett Street in the 1920's. Later, Nig was a teacher in elementary schools in Los Angeles until her marriage late in life to a widower, Walter Reeves. She died in Fresno."

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Jo Box - abt 18 years old

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 1893 - Margaret "Mag" "Nig" Josephine Leonora BOX b 27 Mar 1893
 Parents: William Josiah "Jo" BOX & Margaret C "Maggie" SMITH
 m Walter Reeves, 1940's
 d Dec 1965, Fresno, Fresno Co, CA

PLEASE see William Josiah "Jo" BOX & Jane Ellen GUTHRIE Notes also.

Every generation has an "Auntie Mame" and Mag Box personified that image for many of us. She was always referred to by our side of the family (Box) as "Mag", and by the Guthrie side as "Nig." She lived in Hollywood - LA area for many years. Taught in LA City schools - married late in life and moved to Fresno. An attractive, intelligent woman with lots of vitality and a good sense of humor, she was a favorite of everyone who knew her, and since she was just a few months younger than my father, one of his particular favorites.

1893 - Her mother died 27 Mar, the day Mag was born.

1901 - Excerpt from Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:
 "In her March 21, 1901 letter to Less, Grandma Jin wrote, 'Mag and Lucy are here on a visit. Their Papa will come for them in a few days...'"

1905 - "By July 1905, both Lucy and her father were dead; Laura Guthrie was taking care of Margaret (Mag or Nig) and quarreling with her brother, John, over the guardianship, for she wanted control of the Jack Ranch property and he was equally determined that it be kept intact for the child -- as it was, for Nig eventually sold it to the Berry family...."

1940's - Mag married Walter Reeves in the early 1940's and moved to Fresno. He was a businessman in Fresno and had two sons who were very fond of Mag.

1952 - Aunt Anita's travel journal excerpt: "2 Mar - Left (Mariposa) at 1:30...drove to Fresno - Stay with Margaret Reeves. Wonderful time."

1958 - Aunt Anita's 1958 scrapbook wedding invitation: "Mr and Mrs James Robert DuBose request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Julia Anne to Mr Walter Seaton Reeves Jr on Monday the first of September at two o'clock in the afternoon, Westminster Chapel, Central Presbyterian Church, Merced, California, Reception immediately following."

1960 - Christmas card note from Mag and Walter to Aunt Anita & Uncle Reuben in Aunt Anita's 1960-61 scrapbook:

"Dear Cousins, Big changes. Walt Jr & Judy are now in Va. where Walt is doing his Army service at the Pentagon. Dick is in the Army Language School (Russian) Monterey. Loves his Volkswagon car & will be home for the Holidays. Bee W. is now with us. Kathryn will arrive Dec 24th. Christmas is in the air! Come see us. Love to each and all the family, M & W"

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1852 - Reuben Franklin BOX Jr b 16 Mar 1852 or 1854, Sonoma or Napa Co, CA
 Parents: Reuben Franklin BOX & Lucy Elizabeth PARKER
 m Henrietta "Etta" WHITE 5 Nov 1884 (d 21 Feb 1929)
 d 22 Jul 1885, White River, Tulare Co, CA
 bur Visalia, Tulare Co, CA

1852 or 1854? Sonoma or Napa Co? The question remains. According to an old family record sent to me by JX Wilson 1991, R F Jr was born in 1854. My original date, from Aunt Ora and Aunt Fannie Dent was 1852. The 1860 Census shows him as 8 years old; the 1870 Census 16 years old - giving credence to both dates!

The following excerpt says he was 19 in 1873 (1854 again), and in another reference, Jane said he was born a few months before his father died: 1854.

1873 - Excerpts from Jane Guthrie Muller's GUTHRIE FAMILY history:
 "...Uncle Reuben, then nineteen, came in the spring of 1873...In the fall John Gibson and Uncle Jo and Uncle Reub built the old house... Grandma Jin's brothers continued to help her. Uncle Reub stayed home in the winter and broke horses, which he sold in Nevada in the summer. He secured horses cheaply in Sonoma County because many vineyards were being planted..."

1884 - 25 Jul - Letter from Reuben Jr to his brother Allen sent to me by J X Wilson of Santa Rosa (June 1991), some of it unreadable, but here is a literal translation of what I can read:
 "Neills fery July th25 84 - Bro Allen - I rec yours some time ago I never ans we headed 20 days at the cotton woods at Sparkes at Switzers(?) now will be through in 10 days more I think I will harvest grains then with our horses times are nothing extry hear but a big harvest if they could get there grains. It is down badly all rusty & ___?___ of smut. I am not going to do so well as I thought I would for I never got to work until the 28 of June but have not lost a day since have ___?___ it splendid where is the other Boys "did you send any horses down for me to take to Tulare if so let me know just where they are & how many & what pasture and an order in case the Boy I don't see I think I will go down the other side the river john wants to see the country I don't think I will make enough to go up to see you but would like to ever somuch your fairs will consist of Dairy maids and jerrys(?) & we have them both at White River & the best quality how is your grape crop I rec a letter from Mother she said you wrote they were good & I red your letter as the low ground was Blasted. I am well & stand the harves so far good & when it is over I aim to make a strait shoot for White River. I could of sold same jerry(?) for 100 but I neve(?) for he wrote his was worth 20 more than mine then the man said he would tak one & I asked him which one he wanted & he said mine so she went neither was worth the money so I am driving Heannar(?) in a header wagon. let me hear from you soon & give me the Boys adress & what mashine & about where nothin new as ever your Bro, RfBox"

1884 - 5 Nov - Same source as 1873 above: "Reuben Box married Etta White, sister of Mary White Guthrie,...and they lived over on White River. He died in...1885 before their first child was born, for she was expecting Ruby when Mary rode over to visit her and had Less prematurely in September 1885. "Etta later married Milo Oldfield, a carpenter living in White River. They had several children--and the homesite was known as the Oldfield Place, important to us as the birthplace of our father. Joanne or Bill Braly said that Mr Oldfield helped build the Braly house west of Ducor for their grandmother in 1914...."

1885 -22 July - He died in 1885 in White River, Tulare Co CA.

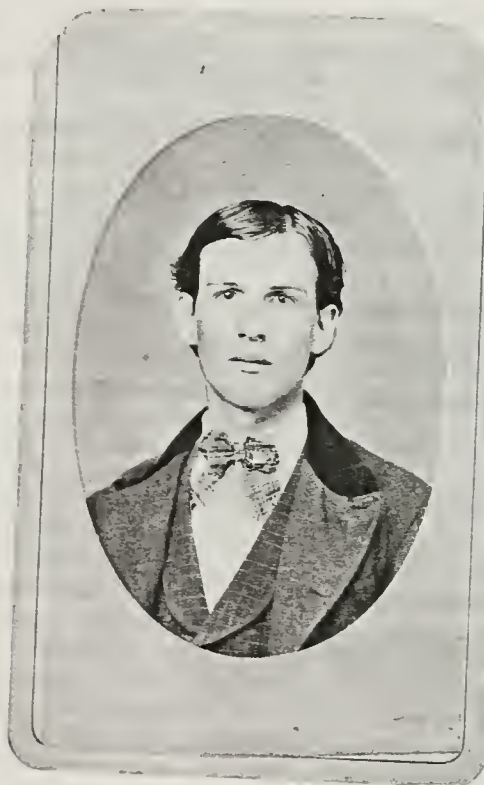
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Per Jane Guthrie Muller's ELLIS-WHITE story, page 7, he died before their first and only child, Ruby "Tots" Box was born on 1 Oct 1885. Confirming this date, JX Wilson of Santa Rosa sent me a Funeral Notice for Reuben F Box: "Funeral Notice. - The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral of REUBEN F BOX, deceased, from the Masonic Hall, Visalia, at 10 o'clock A. M. Sunday July 26, 1885. Members of the Masonic Order are especially requested to be in attendance

Jane added to the information on Reuben Franklin Box, Jr:
 "Incidentally, Reuben's daughter, Ruby, married a Porterville carpenter named John Price, and their two daughters were named Pearl (b. 1901, m. Dan Grady of Terra Bella) and Opal (b. 1906). How's that for a cluster of gems?"



Reuben Franklin Box, Jr - 1871
 Taken in Santa Rosa, CA
 19 years old

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Frances F BOX-668 (1806)
 William CALDWELL-669 (1803)
 -- William A CALDWELL-670 (1825)
 sp-Sarah Jane A COCHRAN-965 (1838)
 3-- Alpha B CALDWELL-800 (1858)
 3-- James Robert B CALDWELL-969 (1860)
 sp-Laura M COOK-1003
 4-- Claude CALDWELL-1005 (1901)
 4-- Alice CALDWELL-796 (1901)
 4-- Harry CALDWELL-1004 (1901)
 sp-Mabel WILLIAMS-1007
 5-- Barbara CALDWELL-1008
 sp-Jack DELANEY-1011
 5-- Billy CALDWELL-1009
 4-- Walter CALDWELL-1006 (1901)
 3-- Willie CALDWELL-966 (1860)
 3-- John Elija CALDWELL-967 (1866)
 3-- Eleanor F CALDWELL-973 (1870)
 sp-Harry Howe BECKWITH-992 (1860)
 4-- Marian BECKWITH-525 (1904)
 sp-Thomas FOSS Jr-523
 4-- BECKWITH-524 (1904)
 3-- Thomas A CALDWELL-968 (1872)
 sp-Nellie L LEWIS-975
 4-- Lewis Hanford CALDWELL-976 (1906)
 3-- Bertha CALDWELL-971 (1875)
 sp-Unknown BERRYHILL-990
 3-- Verdo Alonzo CALDWELL-970 (1877)
 sp-Rose Jane HITCHCOCK-977 (1882)
 4-- Verna Irene CALDWELL-978 (1901)
 sp-David BLAYLOCK-980
 5-- Wesley Andrew BLAYLOCK-981 (1919)
 sp-Dorothy VINEYARD-982
 6-- Wesley Andrew BLAYLOCK-983
 sp-Edgar MERRYLEES-984
 5-- George Edgar MERRYLEES-985
 5-- Robert C MERRYLEES-986 (1925)
 sp-Betty HEFNER-987
 6-- Larry MERRYLEES-989
 6-- Gary MERRYLEES-988
 4-- Orval Alonzo CALDWELL-979 (1903)
 sp-Agnes Rosie A BERNARD-1012 (1905)
 5-- Verna Jane CALDWELL-1013 (1926)
 sp-James Preston WALLACE-1021
 6-- James Leland WALLACE-1063
 sp-Marlene (WALLACE)-1078
 7-- Grant Preston WALLACE-1080
 7-- Devon WALLACE-1079 (1978)
 6-- Verna Irene WALLACE-1062
 sp-Harry LIVERMORE-1077
 5-- Verdo Orval T CALDWELL-1014 (1929)
 sp-Joy Margaret SMITH-1022 (1933)
 6-- Joy Lynette CALDWELL-1064 (1950)
 sp-Marvin IVY-1081
 7-- Sarah LeAnn IVY-522 (1977)
 sp-Ed COX-1082

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6-- Brent Owen CALDWELL-1065
 sp-Judith Carlene GARRAD-1083
 7-- Joy Dawn CALDWELL-1084
 7-- Kristen M CALDWELL-1085
 sp-Mary Alice PONTON-1023
 5-- Patricia Joy CALDWELL-1015 (1932)
 sp-Stanley Roy JONES-1024 (1932)
 6-- John Murl JONES-1066 (1951)
 sp-Esther E RAMOS-1086 (1952)
 7-- Leslie Ann JONES-1087 (1973)
 7-- Dawn Marie JONES-1088 (1975)
 6-- Katherine E JONES-1067 (1953)
 sp-Dean HOFFMAN-1089
 7-- Michelle Lee HOFFMAN-1090
 7-- Keri Eileen HOFFMAN-1091
 7-- Justin M HOFFMAN-1092
 6-- Patricia Kay JONES-1068 (1958)
 sp-Craig KANADY-1093
 7-- Jaime Marie KANADY-1094
 7-- Mathew Douglas KANADY-1095
 6-- Jana Dawn JONES-1069 (1961)
 sp-Ernie Lee SISK-1025
 6-- Shane Ernest SISK-1070
 5-- Raymond B CALDWELL-1016 (1934)
 sp-Linda (CALDWELL)-1026
 6-- Kathy CALDWELL-1071
 6-- Lane CALDWELL-1072
 6-- Erica CALDWELL-1073
 5-- Betty Mae CALDWELL-1017 (1937)
 sp-Fred ALBITRE-1027
 6-- Harlan F ALBITRE-1074 (1962)
 sp-Elieen (ALBITRE)-1096
 7-- Stephen B ALBITRE-1097 (1982)
 sp-Tabatha Dee SCOTT-635
 7-- Thomas C ALBITRE-634 (1988)
 6-- Danette ALBITRE-1075 (1964)
 sp-Dave Eugene CARTER-1098 (1961)
 7-- Vanessa Kylie CARTER-633 (1990)
 6-- Randy ALBITRE-1076 (1966)
 sp-Ann (ALBITRE)-1099
 5-- Virgile A CALDWELL-1018 (1940)
 sp-Sally Louise HARRISON-1028 (1943)
 6-- Virgile Owen CALDWELL-1031 (1964)
 sp-Bertha CARTER-632
 5-- Joseph Aaron CALDWELL-1019 (1944)
 sp-Nancy Joan ALBITRE-1037
 6-- Lon Aaron CALDWELL-1038 (1965)
 sp-Karen BURT-1041
 6-- Laura Ann CALDWELL-1039 (1968)
 sp-Robert NYLANDER-1042
 7-- Tucker Robert NYLANDER-631 (1991)
 6-- Chad Remick CALDWELL-1040 (1970)
 5-- Beverly Ann CALDWELL-1020 (1946)
 sp-Scott HUNSDORFER-1043
 6-- Ryan Scott HUNSDORFER-1044
 sp-Debbie ALBA-630

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6-- Erin HUNSDORFER-1045

3-- Agnes CALDWELL-972 (1881)

sp-Unknown #2 BERRYHILL-991

3-- Addie CALDWELL-974 (1881)

sp-W L OGAN-993

2-- Blanton CALDWELL-671 (1829)

2-- Mildred CALDWELL-673 (1829)

2-- John W V CALDWELL-672 (1831)

sp-Alvina E ROBERTS-994

sp-Annie L HILL-995

3-- Elizabeth B CALDWELL-996

3-- Frances CALDWELL-997

3-- Fannie B CALDWELL-998

3-- John H CALDWELL-999

3-- Alonzo H CALDWELL-1000

3-- Laura A CALDWELL-1001

3-- James R H CALDWELL-1002

2-- M C CALDWELL-674 (1831)

2-- Eliza F CALDWELL-675 (1833)

2-- Alonzo CALDWELL-676 (1842)

2-- Isabella CALDWELL-677 (1844)
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ab 1803 - William CALDWELL b abt 1803, NC
 Parents: William CALDWELL Sr & ? RABEN
 m Frances F BOX bef 1825
 d aft 1850

Frances F BOX was the sister of Reuben Franklin BOX.

Children: William Alexander Franklin b 5 Dec 1825; Blanton; Mildred;
 John W V; M. C.; Eliza F; Alonzo; Isabella.

bef 1840 - Per p 559 "Pen Pictures from the Garden of the World"
 from Jane Guthrie Muller Oct 1989:
 "William Caldwell was a farmer and carpenter, and the latter
 business, as a contractor, he followed many years of his life.
 He was a South Carolinian by birth and married Miss Frances F.,
 daughter of Josiah Box, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal
 Church South, and a native of South Carolina. Mr Caldwell's
 father was a son of William Caldwell, also a farmer. Mr Caldwell's
 wife was a daughter of James Raben, an American and Revolutionary
 soldier."

1840 - Choctaw County 1840 Census Records in the LDS Library show:
 "Head of Family - William Caldwell

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 male 30 under 40 | 1 female 30 under 40 |
| 5 males under 30 | 4 females under 15 |

This entry is on the same page and just above:

"Head of Family - Josiah Box
 1 male 50 under 60 and 1 female 50 under 60
 1 licensed professional engineer

My spirits soared, naturally, as I read this, because it
 seemed to establish a connection between a Box named Josiah and
 Reuben Franklin and Frances F Box... but nothing definite yet.

1850 - Per Virgile A Caldwell in 3 May 1991 letter:
 "William was listed as Head of household in 1850 Census of Mississippi,
 (Choctaw Co. Western Div.). Occupation was Farmer with real estate
 valued at \$2100. Birth place was shown to be North Carolina. Lived in
 Alabama and moved to Mississippi between 1829 and 1831."

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 1825 - William Alexander Franklin CALDWELL, Dr (M.D.) b 5 Dec 1825, AL
 Parents: William CALDWELL & Frances F BOX
 m Sarah Jane America COCHRAN abt 1857/1858
 d 26 Sep 1907, Tulare, Tulare Co, CA

1825 - William Alexander Franklin CALDWELL is believed to have been the first son of William CALDWELL and Francis F BOX. Francis was the sister of Reuben Franklin BOX and daughter of Josiah BOX, a native of SC and Minister of a Methodist Episcopal Church South. (per Virgile a Caldwell, Porterville, CA)

1886 - W A F CALDWELL came to CA, and although a licensed physician, never practiced after he arrived here.

1913 - Charles Lester "Less" GUTHRIE, in a letter to his wife, Flo, in 1913 when she was in Porterville at her mother's waiting for John to be born: "I'm not going to tell you how lonesome I am. I'm like Dr Caldwell, Tom's father, about building a fire. 'I don't know how, and I ain't awgiin to try.'"

1991 - 3 May letter from Virgile A Caldwell contained the following:
 "William Alexander Franklin Caldwell M.D. was born in Alabama 5 Dec 1825 to the parents, William Caldwell who was born in North Carolina and Frances Box who was born in Alabama (NOTE: ...or South Carolina?)
 He had finished his schooling and started a family and career by the late 1850's. He married Sarah Jane America Cochran, daughter of Pinkney Cochran and Eleanor Bingham of Alabama. Their first child born in 1858 was Alpha B Caldwell.
 "He was a graduate physician and skilled surgeon, whose quiet and successful practice of the profession in the South covered many years, broken only by arduous service as a surgeon in the Civil war. He went to the front and endured all the hardships and privations incident to that long struggle, returning to his Mississippi home at the close of the conflict to take up again his private practice in the midst of the associations long familiar to him.
 "In 1879 he moved the family across the Mississippi River into Arkansas and for four years he committed himself to professional work. His last child, a girl, Addie Caldwell, was born here in 1881. In 1883 he moved the family by train to California. They split up on the way, their main destination being Saucelito, an early settlement along the lower part of Deer Creek, in Southern Tulare County. The stay here was short because the valley at that time was unhealthy due to the mosquito's spreading malaria and other diseases. The family moved again to the upper Coho Creek area, a tributary of White River, into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada's. Here he took up a homestead and being a great lover of horses proceeded to raise fine horses and a few cows. William was very active in the racing of horses as horse racing and betting was a popular sport of the times..
 "1850 Census of Mississippi (Choctaw Co. Western Division) shows W A F Caldwell to be a student with real estate valued at \$500.
 "1860 Census of Mississippi (Choctaw Co) Greensboro shows him to be Head of Household married to America with one child named Alpha B who was 2 yrs old. He was now a Doctor with personal property valued at \$3656. The family moved to California by train in 1883.
 "1900 Census of California (White River District, Tulare County) shows Wm and Sarah to be living with Eleanor, Verdo and Addie at home. Shows Addie to have been born in Arkansas...Sarah Cochran was born at Greensboro (Choctaw Co) Mississippi. She moved with her husband and family in 1883, (according to obituary) living in the White River District till 1901 when she moved to City of Tulare where she lived till her death in 1926."

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1877 - Verdo Alonzo CALDWELL b 27 Aug 1877, Vicksburg, Warren Co, MS
 Parents: William Alexander Franklin CALDWELL
 & Sarah Jane America COCHRAN
 m Rose Jane HITCHCOCK 28 Aug 1901
 d 28 Mar 1979, Porterville, Tulare Co, CA

1977 - The following article was written by an old friend of Verdo Caldwell's, Jeff Edwards, and was sent to me by Jane Guthrie Muller:
 "Today, Thursday, August 26, is the birthday of Verdo Caldwell. Some of the old timers know and remember him but like so many of the old timers they outlive their contemporaries and in their latter years are unknown. To an extent this is true of Verdo as he was born in 1877 in Alabama and came to this area in 1881. Today he is 99 years old. "I doubt anyone has as much information on the southwest part of the Tulare County as Verdo. He came to Saucelito district in 1881 at the age of four with his family. Soon they moved to the White River area and have been connected with that area ever since. He had been a rover of sorts, worked on the railroads where he built and cleared track. The bridge that is still used in White River was hauled in there from the Depot at Ducor by Verdo Caldwell. "Verdo lived in the hey day of White River and in 1893 he took the ballots of the election to Visalia. He rode his horse across the country to Porterville and was put up in the Porterville hotel. Next morning he took the train to Visalia. To save money he turned his pony loose in Porterville which went home to White River. When Verdo returned to Porterville from Visalia he had to walk all the way to White River but he did save 50 cents that the livery stable would have charged to care for the horse. "As a sack sewer Verdo was one of the best and worked on all of them from the time the dog house was on the bottom and the sack sewer would choke with dust, to the graduation to the top of the harvester with a chute down the side. No one has ever said that Verdo did not pull his weight as a worker. "In WWII Verdo was considered an old man and he took some firefighters into the mountains to fight a small fire. Fatigued...as they approached the fire Verdo let them rest and he went on to scout the fire. When the crew had rested... they proceeded on up the hill and met Verdo coming down. He had ALREADY PUT IT OUT. It is no wonder many of the old timers called him a 'Bull' of a man. "In the early 1900's Verdo married Rose Hitchcock and settled on some acreage in Cojo Gulch...It seems the couple got along fine but both were individualists and when the grandkids came they got a legal separation but never did get a divorce. "In his later years Verdo was a hay broker and had a load of hay fall over on him. This broke his chest and he was laid up for a time but he did reload the hay on the truck before he went to see the doctor. His real undoing was a ram sheep who would butt at Verdo's handkerchief. One Christmas day Verdo's handkerchief was sticking out of his back pocket and the ram hit the bull's eye and broke Verdo's hip. Being in the woodyard business he still managed to handle the job and carried on and eventually got up and around again. It was at this time that I would take Verdo and question him about things of the past. "Today Verdo is in Hacienda Rest Home in Porterville. He is still sharp mentally but not physically, and 99 years old today. Drop him a card. In remembering Verdo I like to think of the time I was to do a slide show on the history of Ducor. Having received a lot of help from Verdo I asked if he would like to go to the show with me and we would go out and have dinner before we went. This pleased Verdo so we set a time to pick him up and I arrived at the appointed time. Out came a friend of Verdo's to tell me Verdo was not here. He was sorry but he had a chance to go to the Rodeo in Glennville. Verdo is still a scrapper and that is what it takes to be 99 years old."

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1978 - Verdo's 100th birthday coverage in the Porterville Recorder:

"Verdo Caldwell Honored On 100th Birthday - Verdo Caldwell traded his ever present cowboy hat for a 'king for a day' crown Friday when he was guest of honor at a party celebrating his 100th birthday. Friday's party in the Hacienda Convalescent Hospital where Caldwell has lived since 1975 was a prelude to a family party held yesterday, the actual day of his birthday. "Verdo was born Aug 28 1877 in Mississippi, one of 10 children of William and America Caldwell. ...He was reared in California where the family moved when he was four years old. They settled in the White River area. "Caldwell and the former Rose Hitchcock were married in the early 1900's. The hard working pioneer was a fireman for the railroad for many years and worked as a wood cutter, fire fighter and hay contractor... Caldwell and his family homesteaded near Hot Springs and when he came into Porterville would bring loads of cut wood to sell. Later he made his home in town. "He continued to be actively employed through his 90's. Friends of Caldwell remember a time he was involved in an automobile accident when he was in his 80's. A vehicle ran a stop sign and hit his hay truck. Caldwell suffered chest injuries but continued working through the day. "Caldwell maintained his own home after his wife died several years ago. He moved to the Hacienda after his house burned.... His only children, a son and a daughter, are both deceased. A grandson, Virgile Caldwell and his wife of Porterville, made the arrangements for the family party. "He doesn't have much good to say about space exploration and doesn't believe men have really been to the moon. Though Caldwell received a birthday card from President Carter, he refuses to believe the embossed crested card was actually from the president. "Women's fashions are another point of argument with Caldwell. 'No good,' he said about women in slacks. Friday's birthday, arranged by Wilda Parks, activities director at the Hacienda was also the occasion to celebrate 12 other residents' August birthdays. "Entertainment was provided by residents John Cline, 85 in August, playing the harmonica, and 91 year old Isaac Pierce singing and playing the banjo."

1979 - 29 Mar Porterville Recorder carried Verdo's obituary on the front page:

"VERDO CALDWELL DIES AT AGE 101 - Verdo Alonzo Caldwell, 101, died in a local hospital this morning following a long illness. "Born in Vicksburg, Miss., Caldwell and his family came to the Saucelito area, southwest of Porterville in 1881. They later located in the White River area. "As a young man he worked at all trades and was known for his strength and hard work. He was noted for fences he built, some of which are still used in that area. He also worked as miner, wood-cutter, sack-sewer on the harvester, railroader, hunter, firefighter and packer. When the White River bridge was being built he hauled the steel trusses from Ducor... "After his marriage to the late Rose Hitchcock, they homesteaded in Cojo Gulch above White River. They had a son and a daughter who are both deceased. In his later years he was a hay broker and wood-cutter. His final wood yard when he was in his 90's, was on the southeast corner of Springville Drive and Plano. "He lived alone for many years after his wife died. After his house burned however, he made his home at Hacienda Convalescent Hospital for several years... Said to be a walking history book of Porterville, Caldwell knew many of the pioneer settlers including Royal Porter Putnam, John B Hockett, P P Davis, Robert Baker and John Hilton... Survivors include five grandsons, Virgile Caldwell of Porterville, Aaron Caldwell of Woody, Ray Caldwell of Susanville, Toby Caldwell of Bakersfield and George Merrylees of Northern California; four grand-daughters..22 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Notes for Orval Alonzo CALDWELL-979

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1903 - Orval Alonzo CALDWELL b 4 Jul 1903, White River, Tulare Co, CA
Parents: Verdo Alonzo CALDWELL & Rose Jane HITCHCOCK
m Agnes Rosie Alice BERNARD 3 May 1923
d 8 May 1953, Fish Lake Valley, Dyer, Esmeralda Co, NV

1923 - Orval Alonzo Caldwell and Agnes Rosie Alice Bernard were married
3 May 1923, as recorded in Tulare Co Book 9, page 92, Cert. #183.

1991 - 3 May letter from Virgile Caldwell included the following
information on his father:

"Orval A Caldwell was born 4 Jul 1903....Like his father Verdo,
Orval had many talents and jobs, specializing in heavy equipment
operation. He was born on a ranch and ranched most of his life, his parents
owning two cattle ranches, one on Greenhorn Mountain, Kern County and
the other at Galley Mountain in Tulare County. In his early married
life to Agnes R Bernard he lived in many locations, going where the
work was or where he could make a living on his own. Some of the many
jobs included making pumice bricks, building houses, operating a service
station, ranching, cutting and sale of firewood. He went to work as heavy
equipment operator for State of California, Division of Forestry in the
late 40's. Orval built roads, leveled lots for building Forestry camps,
logged big timber, pulling logs to mill sights or log landings to be
loaded on logging trucks and fought forest fires when needed. The job
was hard work and many hours spent on bulldozers. I was lucky enough to
be able to go on some of his jobs with him, sometimes riding with him
on the dozer and other times following along in the skid trails behind
the logs that he was pulling. This to a young boy was great adventure
and a chance to learn many things about nature and life with my father
in the woods. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Many of his outings
were very long hikes on foot in very rough terrain. Often when I got
very tired on these adventures I would swear to myself that this was the
last trip that I would go on, but when Dad would announce that another
trip was planned I would be very eager to go again. The many years
of bouncing around on dozers finally took its toll, and Dad developed
back trouble. He spent some time in the hospital and eventually
had an operation on his spine. He did not fully recover and died from a
blood clot - probably caused by the operation."

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1940 - Virgile Alonzo CALDWELL b 8 Jun 1940, Bakersfield, Kern Co, CA
Parents: Orval Alonzo CALDWELL & Agnes Rosie Alice BERNARD
m Sally Louise HARRISON 5 Sep 1964

Virgile is the very distantly related cousin - through the Frances F BOX, sister of Reuben Franklin BOX, marriage to his ancestor, William CALDWELL - who provided me with the extensive genealogical information on this hitherto unknown branch of the BOX family.

1990 - Letter from Jane GUTHRIE MULLER dated 5 Mar 1990
in which she said "My cousin, Stanley White,.....came to visit Feb 16 and brought young Virgile Caldwell to meet us. He's a nice-appearing young man, the same age as Fritz and in his class in high school. He brought a brief case loaded with his family history he's been accumulating for twelve years, and although he doesn't have any information about the Box family, he had pictures (one of young Verdo you'll like) and interesting bits. I was especially intrigued with the Indian connection, for Shelby Peppers was a squaw man, you know, and his three children all had Indian names as well as English ones. The mother was Mary as well as her Indian name. Furthermore, there was a marriage with a Choctaw back in the middle west--I've forgotten where....."

1991 - 3 May letter and information from Virgile:
"Virgile Alonzo was born 8 Jun 1940 in Bakersfield (Kern Co) California, to the parents, Orval A Caldwell and Agnes R Bernard, both born in California. Lived in Bakersfield and on Greenhorn Mountain Ranch then in 1945 moved to Porterville, Tulare County, California. Attended Doyle Colony School 1st to 6th grades, Bartlett Jr High 7th to 8th grades except last part of the 7th was spent in Fish Lake Valley, Dyer, Nevada. Dad passed away at this time, family moving back to Porterville. I remained in Fish Lake with my sister Verna and her family finishing out the school year and part of the summer. Attended Porterville Union High School 9 - 12th grades, working the last two summers as firefighter for the State of California, Division of Forestry. Broke my leg my senior year of high school while playing soccer ball at school. When the leg had healed enough returned to work as firefighter and continued to work for the State Department of Forestry for the next 21-1/2 years. Retired from forestry at the age of 40 years in 1980. Due to medical problems worked little and enjoyed retirement as best as could, worked moving motorhomes across country, the longest run was to Indiana, this giving me a chance to look at some of the states and country. After retiring got into computers and spent a lot of time and money doing research on family history, other hobbies include treasure hunting, gold mining, gold dredging, car building and modifying, fishing and hunting."
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1-- Elijah Preston HOWELL-381 (1803)
 sp-Margaret Jane MORELAND-382 (1828)
 2-- Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL-383 (1852)
 sp-William F JAMESON-445 (1837)
 3-- Franklin P JAMESON-458 (1878)
 sp-Margaret Ellen M MOTT-460 (1886)
 4-- Virginia B JAMESON-794 (1911)
 sp-Jim BENNETT-1219
 5-- James Lee BENNETT-1220 (1931)
 5-- Shirley BENNETT-1221 (1932)
 sp-David Hamilton FUNK-1222
 6-- David FUNK Jr-1223 (1967)
 sp-Richard BEYERS-1224 (1919)
 5-- Michael BEYERS-1225 (1954)
 4-- John Wesley JAMESON Sr-462 (1914)
 sp-Ella ZIMMERMAN-1226 (1918)
 5-- John Wesley JAMESON Jr-1227 (1938)
 sp-Judith Gail CLARK-1229 (1940)
 6-- John Anthony JAMESON-1230 (1958)
 6-- Debra Lynn JAMESON-1231 (1959)
 6-- Susan Gail JAMESON-1232 (1960)
 6-- Robert P JAMESON-1233 (1962)
 5-- Roger Preston JAMESON-1228 (1941)
 sp-Cynthia Joyce CARLEY-1234 (1951)
 sp-Diane June PREAMER-1235
 6-- Mark Preston JAMESON-1236 (1964)
 6-- Michael David JAMESON-1237 (1968)
 6-- Elizabeth J JAMESON-1238 (1979)
 4-- Vivien Clarice JAMESON-793 (1917)
 sp-Peponi "Joe" CECCONI-1239 (1911)
 5-- Jo-Ann CECCONI-1240 (1938)
 sp-David BOSANCO-1241 (1938)
 6-- Johnny Wayne BOSANCO-1242 (1958)
 6-- Deborah Ann BOSANCO-1243 (1962)
 sp-Ross TURNEY-1244 (1928)
 6-- Chris Lee TURNEY-1245 (1971)
 6-- Michele Ann TURNEY-1246 (1977)
 sp-Francis Edward BROWN-859 (1917)
 5-- Francis Harold BROWN D-860 (1943)
 sp-Theresa Ann BAUHS-1247 (1951)
 6-- Erica Joy BROWN-1248 (1976)
 6-- Elise Bauhs BROWN-1249 (1980)
 5-- Raymond Dean BROWN-1250 (1947)
 sp-Margaret Jo M COFELT-1253 (1946)
 6-- Heidi BROWN-1254 (1982)
 5-- James Edward J BROWN-1251 (1948)
 sp-Ann Love OLIVEROS-1255 (1947)
 6-- Sarah BROWN-1256 (1983)
 6-- Eric BROWN-1257 (1988)
 5-- Patricia Audrey BROWN-1252 (1955)
 4-- Roberta P JAMESON-461 (1919)
 sp-Wallace LEEDY-1258
 5-- Janice Marie P LEEDY-1259 (1940)
 5-- Jacqueline Gale LEEDY-1260 (1942)
 5-- Geraldine V LEEDY-1261 (1943)
 sp-Kay PEARL-1262

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- 5-- Denniece Kay PEARL-1263 (1947)
 - 5-- Merrillyn R PEARL-1264 (1948)
 - 3-- Thomas Marion T JAMESON-459 (1886)
 - sp-Rachel DALY-463 (1891)
 - 4-- Rachel Marian JAMESON-464 (1910)
 - sp-Willard WRIGHT-467 (1904)
 - 5-- Robert W "Bobby" WRIGHT-795 (1927)
 - sp-Joan Patricia SMITH-840 (1932)
 - 6-- Fred Robert WRIGHT-1112 (1951)
 - sp-Susan PADGETT-1117 (1951)
 - 7-- Jeffrey WRIGHT-1118 (1981)
 - 6-- Patricia Ann WRIGHT-1113 (1952)
 - sp-Kenneth MARKS-1119 (1943)
 - 7-- Kevin MARKS-1120 (1973)
 - 7-- K C MARKS-1121 (1975)
 - 6-- Richard WRIGHT-1114 (1956)
 - sp-Gema BURKE-1122
 - 7-- NeAndra Sharee WRIGHT-1123 (1983)
 - 6-- Lynn Irene WRIGHT t-1115 (1967)
 - sp-Mark NORRIS-1124 (1962)
 - 6-- Linda Marie WRIGHT t-1116 (1967)
 - sp-Brian STAUB-1125 (1964)
 - 4-- William Le Roy JAMESON-465 (1912)
 - sp-Ruth ANTON-798
 - 5-- Le Ray L JAMESON-797
 - sp-Virginia " MUSTARD-799
 - 4-- Thomas Lester T JAMESON-466 (1914)
 - sp-Ethel Emelia ANKER-801 (1914)
 - 5-- Donald Lester JAMESON-802 (1942)
 - sp-Marine SENG-805
 - 6-- Donald Lester JAMESON J-806 (1977)
 - 6-- Daniel Thomas JAMESON-807 (1980)
 - 5-- William Paul P JAMESON-803 (1946)
 - sp-Elizabeth B MACCLELLAN-808 (1948)
 - 6-- Craig Patrick JAMESON-809 (1978)
 - 6-- Kate JAMESON-810 (1980)
 - 6-- Brian Woodrow JAMESON-811 (1987)
 - 5-- Nancy K JAMESON-804 (1954)
 - sp-Steven LAMBERT-1265
 - 6-- Shasta Leah L LAMBERT-813 (1980)
 - 6-- Mark David L LAMBERT-814 (1982)
 - sp-Ronald Wyman LAPIC-812 (1954)
 - 2-- John HOWELL-384 (1854)
 - 2-- Martha HOWELL-385 (1855)
 - sp-Daniel HANEY-468 (1844)
 - 3-- John HANEY-1208 (1871)
 - 3-- Charles HANEY-1209 (1871)
 - 3-- Daniel HANEY Jr-1210 (1871)
 - 3-- Dwight HANEY-1211 (1871)
 - 3-- Margaret HANEY-1212 (1871)
 - 2-- James HOWELL-386 (1857)
 - 2-- Elizabeth HOWELL-387 (1858)
 - sp-John Fletcher ROBERTS-469
 - 3-- Alice ROBERTS-470
 - 3-- Jessie ROBERTS-471
 - 3-- Mary ROBERTS-472
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- 2-- Mary HOWELL-388 (1860)
 - sp-Alpheus "Allie" WATSON-473 (1858)
 - 3-- Emma WATSON-474 (1886)
 - sp-Joseph WESELSKY-475 (1879)
 - 4-- Joseph W WESELSKY-477 (1905)
 - sp-Florence (WESELSKY)-1132
 - sp-Audrey (WESELSKY)-732
 - sp-Beatrice NICHOLS-733
 - 4-- Alpheus L WESELSKY-476 (1907)
 - sp-Gladys STALEY-939 (1909)
 - 5-- Dora Mae WESELSKY-904 (1928)
 - sp-Rodney "Rod" PACINI-940 (1924)
 - 6-- Linda Lee PACINI-941 (1947)
 - sp-Wenzel K V PITELKA-946
 - 7-- Morgan J PITELKA-1128 (1972)
 - 6-- Rodney Charles PACINI-942 (1950)
 - sp-Diane DUNSING-947
 - 7-- Mia PACINI-1139 (1980)
 - 7-- Caroline PACINI-1140 (1987)
 - sp-Horace W SCHUMAKER-943
 - 6-- Debra Ann SCHUMAKER-944 (1954)
 - sp-Don DOCKINS-948
 - 7-- Donald Albert DOCKINS-1141 (1972)
 - 7-- Diana Andrea DOCKINS-1142 (1987)
 - 6-- Michael Alan SCHUMAKER-945 (1958)
 - sp-Robin MOSLER-949
 - 7-- Jerad M SCHUMAKER-1143 (1990)
 - sp-Robert "Bob" ESHLEMAN-905 (1924)
 - sp-Thelma (WESELSKY)-1131 (1914)
 - sp-Margaret DUNN-734 (1919)
 - 5-- Carl Bruce WESELSKY-735 (1953)
 - sp-Tammi JONDAHL-903
 - 6-- Alisa WESELSKY-950
 - 4-- Frances Ethel WESELSKY-480 (1909)
 - sp-Lloyd LYNCH-737
 - 4-- Doras Mildred WESELSKY-479 (1911)
 - sp-Loren "Speed" DE VEE-481 (1910)
 - 5-- Donna DE VEE-739
 - 5-- Dolores DE VEE-740
 - 4-- Mary A WESELSKY-585 (1915)
 - 4-- Donald Walter WESELSKY-478 (1917)
 - sp-Leonora SANCHEZ-741
 - 2-- Andrew "Andy" HOWELL-389 (1862)
 - 2-- Elma Jane HOWELL-23 (1864)
 - sp-Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX-9 (1839)
 - 2-- William W HOWELL-390 (1868) :-
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PLEASE refer to Reuben Franklin BOX
Descendancy Chart from this point.

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1803 - Elijah Preston HOWELL b 11 Dec 1803, New River District, Grayson Co, VA
 Parents: John HOWELL & Nancy BAKER
 m Margaret Jane (MORELAND) DAVIS 18 Dec 1851, Santa Clara Co, CA
 d 17 Jun 1879, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA
 bur Old Cemetery, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

1749 - Andrew BAKER, Elijah's maternal grandfather, was a Virginia private in the Revolutionary War according to the DAR Patriot Index, Vol I, p 76.

1745 - 1803 - In response to my letter of Nov 1990 with regard to family births in Virginia ranging from 1745 - 1803 I received 2 replies:

1) The Archives Branch of the Virginia State Library and Archives advised:
 "There was no systematic recording of birth and death records in Virginia until 1853, and such records were not maintained by the state government between 1896 and 1912."

2) The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Vital Records advised:

(NOTE: Exactly the same information as above)

Therefore, it appears the only documentation for the birth of Elijah Preston Howell is what he wrote himself in the Howell Pictorial Family Register.

1803-1879 - Information from Howell Pictorial Family Register, probably written by Elijah Preston HOWELL himself in the most beautiful Spencerian script:
 "Elijah Preston Howell, b Grayson Co Virginia, December 11th 1803, Scotch descent, Father John Howell, Mother Nancy Baker, Nine brothers including self and 4 sisters, Primary Education, Occupation farmer, Politics Democrat, Religion Baptist in principle, m. December 18th 1851, Wife's name Margaret Jane Moreland, Stature Five feet nine & three qr. Inches, Weight 163 lbs, Habit Average, Complexion Florid, Hair Dark Sandy, Eyes Hazel, Health Average, d. June 17 1879, Heart Disease, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, 76 years 6 months, 6 days, Interment Redwood Valley." (The death information is in a different handwriting, perhaps that of his widow. The obituary is pasted to the bottom of the page.)

Another entry from this fascinating book is on the page following the above, and again appears to be in Elijah Preston Howell's script:

"Elijah P Howell was born near the West Bank of New River a few miles from the North Carolina line."

NOTE: On Monday 15 Oct, 1990, we visited the county seat of Grayson County, Independence, VA. A brief search in the County Court House through some marriage and property records, revealed many names that appear to be members of Elijah's family.

We drove across a bridge over the New River just after leaving Independence, and from the West side of the river I took a couple of pictures. New River was a District in the early 19th Century, but evidently never a town or settlement.

1821 - "While I was young, my Parents removed to Lee County, VA, then to Claibourne County, TN, and in 1821 to McMinn County, TN."

1827 - "In 1827 I went to Clay & then to Lafayette County, MO"

1832-34 - "I lived in Washington County, AR & in the Cherokee Nation from April 1832 to Mar 1834."

1834-1845 - "I lived in Plattsburg, MO from 1834 to 1845, then in Albany, MO until ... 1849 - ...when I emigrated to California."

This ends the quote from the 3rd page of family entries in the Howell Pictorial

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Family Register. There is nothing to indicate why he was called "Major" in some articles. Leza Jameson-Smith says he was called "Major" Howell.

1835 - 4 May - HISTORY OF CLINTON CO., MO 1881 p151: (Citizens petition to the Court laying boundaries and establishing a body politic and corporate...) "...and it is further ordered that John M Evans, James M Long, Shadrach B Taylor, Elijah P Howell and James Smith be....appointed a board of trustees for the government and management of the same..."

1836 - Same source as above, p 157: "1836 - In 1836 E P Howell located here, and commenced business. He was from Clay County, and remained in Plattsburg till 1849, when he went, with others, to California, where he now resides."

1833-34 (from diary dated Mon 13 Aug 1849)

"Mr Sam'l D Lowell overtook us on Sunday, and being lame, travelled with us. I had know this gentleman at Cain Hill, Arkansas, and had done business for him at Rogers' Salt Works in the Cherokee Nation in 1833 & 1834. He was then a prosperous merchant. Now he was very destitute."

aft 1845 - THE HISTORY OF GENTRY AND WORTH COUNTIES, MISSOURI, 1882 p125: "The first house erected in the town, after the location of the county seat, was that of Elijah P Howell. It was a log house, with shed attached, and stood near the Central Hotel, north of the Robert Carter house. Howell built this for a business house, and sold goods and general merchandise, being the first merchant who sold goods in Athens. Howell came from Clinton County to this place. He was one of the pioneer merchants of Plattsburg, having sold goods there as early as 1833 and 1834, or soon after the location of the town. He was the first county and circuit court clerk, and went to California in 1849, where he died. He was a great hunter, and killed thirty deer near the town in the winter of 1848."

1845-1849 - According to information from Solano Co Genealogical Society, he was on the Board of Trustees, Plattsburg, Clinton Co, MO and Circuit Court Clerk.

1849 - SEE COMPLETE DIARY 'CROSSING THE PLAINS' at end of these notes.

Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER said, after reading the diary: "His courage was amazing - so taken for granted." ... and in a 23 Jan 1985 letter, she added: "...Too, I wanted to tell you that I enjoyed all over again reading the journal of your great-grandfather when he came across the plains. My son and daughter-in-law gave me for Christmas Lillian Schlissel's DIARIES OF THE WESTWARD JOURNEY; her thesis is that for women it was mostly anxious and unpleasant and frightening, with husband and children dying en route. For men it was mostly adventure. For your ancestor it seemed a satisfying time, for he was remarkably self-assured and capable. It made me feel good to read of his daily exploits!"

1849 - Incidental note from J Goldsborough Briff's Pastel Sketch in the Huntington Library's American Art Gallery. The note is dated 26 July 1849, and the sketch, "A View from the Summit of Independence Rock" shows "the Sweetwater River, the mountains and the Washington City Company corralled at noon, 26 July 1849. Can be seen today SW of Casper, Wyoming almost as it was in the gold rush, with names of hundreds of travelers carved in the stone."

(NOTE: Elijah Preston HOWELL arrived at Independence Rock on 3 July 1849: "....We passed by the celebrated Independence Rock... After...going two miles further, we left the road and drove up to the foot of the mountains on the South, and lay by till Thursday to celebrate Independence

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Day...4 July. The men all paraded in line, every man with his arms loaded, and fired a salute to the anniversary of our National Independence...and myself climbed the mountain under the cliffs of which our camp lay, many hundred feet high, to see how the country around looked from the top, and to have a hunt..."

The mountain he climbed is not identified as Independence Rock, but if I ever go there I will certainly climb it to find if his name is among the hundreds carved there. Several of my books on Westward migration refer to names carved in Independence Rock.)

1849 - 8 May - (Health Note from his diary)

Wed, 8 Aug: "Last night I had a very severe attack of Asthma."

1851 - Benicia Township was established on 13 March of this year, so when E P Howell moved there soon after his marriage in Santa Clara Co, CA in 1851, it was a newly established area. (per HISTORY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY). Since he appears to have been a rather adventurous soul, based on his 1849 diary, this choice of a new area would seemingly fit his personality.

1851 - 18 Dec Marriage Certificate for E P HOWELL and Margaret J DAVIS in Santa Clara County Recorder's office reads:

"E. P. Howell To Margaret J. Davis. I do hereby certify that on the Eighteenth Day December I solemnized the rites of matrimony between Elijah P Howell and Margaret Jane Davis.

"December 19, 1851, Jacob Gruwell; Filed and Recorded at Oak Hill December 19, 1851. J F Richardson, Recorder."

(NOTE: "Oak Hill," as far as we could find out at the Recorder's Office in San Jose on Thursday, 17 Jan 1991, was the name of a district and now is the name of a cemetery in San Jose.

I must briefly relate the astonishing story connected to finding the above marriage certificate. Having been told that they had no records prior to 1859 in the Recorder's Office, we proceeded to search for death and land records for the E P Howell and Moreland families. After finding all available information I went to the Receptionist, Gloria Stechelin, to ask where I could research Wills and Probates on my next visit. She politely asked what I was researching, and when I told her, she said I must meet Colleen Peyton, now retired, but still worked a few days a week because she was so interested in history and genealogy. Colleen asked me a few questions and then said she "just happened to be working" on the 1851 marriage records that very day, and after a quick look through the papers on her desk found the above original marriage certificate. She said I could not Xerox it because it would harm the original, but that after it was photocopied, I could make a Xerox of it. That cannot be done in time for the completion of this book, but if anyone in the future wants it, it can be obtained from the Santa Clara Recorder's Office, 1st Floor, East Wing, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose, CA 95110 (\$12/copy for a Marriage Certificate).

aft 1851 - Per Solano Co Genealogical Society, based on information from Leza Jameson-Smith, Elijah P Howell was a County Assessor in Benicia. She also said Elijah had a trading post in Benicia and panned for gold along the river there, is believed to have staked claims there.

1852 - Nancy "Nanny" b 19 Sep, Benicia, Solano Co, CA (SEE her Notes)

1854 - John b 10 Jan, d 2 Dec 1857 (scarlet fever), bur Rockville, Solano Co, CA

1853-1854 - Benicia, where the Howell family lived until 1874 was the State Capitol from 4 Feb 1853 to 25 Feb 1854. It was also the County Seat of Solano

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County until 1858, so the family lived in an area of some political activity.

1855 - Martha b 11 Sep; m Daniel HANEY 7 May 1871 (Dan b 24 Jul 1844 Antrim Co, Ireland); Aunt Ora said they had 12 or 13 children, only 5 names known to her, though: John, Charles, Daniel, Dwight & Margaret. Martha died (date unknown) in Fall River Mills where the family evidently lived most of their lives. None of the Mendocino Co relatives I contacted had ever heard of them. Beryl Box Orner said she had heard her father mention his cousins, the Haney's, in Fall River Mills. Any information on this family would be welcome.

1857 - James b 13 Apr, d 1 Jan 1858 (scarlet fever), bur Rockville, Solano Co, CA

1858 - Elizabeth b 14 Nov, m the Rev John Fletcher ROBERTS, a Methodist minister, had 3 dau: Alice, Jessie, Mary - one of them a Mrs R L Woodward of San Jose in 1939 according to an obituary; Elizabeth d 3 Feb 1939, bur Santa Clara Cemetery, San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA. I have a copy of her death certificate.

1860 California Census, Solano County, Benicia Township, p309 stamped on page: "Elijah P Howell, 56, Male, Farmer, Real Estate Value \$2,000, Personal Estate Value \$1,000; Place of birth: California,

(NOTE: WRONG, because he was born in Grayson Co, VA) -
"Others listed in household: Mary Howell, 21, Female, born in KY

(NOTE: if age is 31 instead of 21, it could be Margaret Jane MORELAND, his wife, because there was a 25-year age difference between them, and she was born in KY. Their daughter Mary, was born in 1860, the year of this Census!)

"Frank S Davis, 13, Female, born Oregon.

(NOTE: MUST be Sarah Sophronia Davis, born 1847, who would have been 13 that year.)

"Joseph Davis, 11, Male, born Oregon. (NOTE: These were Margaret Moreland's 2 children by her marriage to John DAVIS)

"Nancy Howell, 7, Female, born CA;

"Martha Howell, 4, " " "

"Elizabeth Howell, 1, Female, born CA."

1860 - Mary b 3 Nov, m Alpheus "Allie" WATSON (b 3 Aug 1858 Bodega Twp, Sonoma Co, CA; d 1930), 1 dau Emma b 21 Aug 1885 (SEE her Notes - She is the Howell/Weselsky "connecting link." Mary d 1915; bur Old Cemetery, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA. Her tombstone gives 1856 as her date of birth, but I have used the 1860 date her father entered in the family register in his own hand, as he did for each one of his 9 children.

1862 - Andrew "Andy" b 27 Nov (SEE his Notes)

1864 - Elma Jane b 15 Dec (SEE her Notes)

1867 - Information sent to me by Solano County Genealogical Society May 1991: "Solano County Great Register (voter lists):

"1867 - Howell, Elijah Preston, 62, Farmer, Native, Suisun Rd."

1867? - In the book INDEX TO THE ARGONAUTS OF CALIFORNIA, p224, I found the following entry. Because neither the librarians at the LDS Family History Library nor I knew what the "367" after the name meant, we only guessed it

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 might have meant "March 1867."

"Howell, Elijah P 367 Ex-member San Francisco Pioneer Association"

 1868 - William "Willie" b 4 May; d 27 Aug 1910, San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA
 Willie was living in San Jose 22 Oct 1909 when his sister Elma Box
 left her daughter Ora's home in San Francisco to stay with Willie.

 (NOTE: Andy & Willie were both confirmed bachelors and since)
 John and James died as babies, there are no Howell-named
 descendants. All 5 daughters married and had children.)

 1870's - Per Tom Jameson in 1990, the original Howell ranch house in Redwood
 Valley was moved, then burned. The original diary may have burned at this time.
 Tom called it the "Hawkeye Ranch." We did not find this ranch in July 1990.
 Francis Brown, Vivien Jameson's son, wrote to me in April 1991: "Other notes
 that are cryptic now, but probably clear enough when I wrote them are that:
 Elijah Howell lived at the old Muir place in Redwood Valley; if memory serves
 correctly, this is in the northeastern part of the valley."
 Nancy Howell's obituary in 1922 said: "E. P. Howell and family lived on the old
 Mike Thomas place which her parents purchased."

 1870 - Information sent to me by Solano County Genealogical Society May 1991:
 "1870 Federal Census - Benicia, Solano County, California, page 20a
 Dwelling 301:

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---------------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| Howell, E P | 66 | Farmer | \$4,000 | \$4,0000 | (Born)
Virginia |
| M J | 42 | Keeping House | | | Kentucky |
| Nancy | 17 | At home | | | California |
| Martha | 14 | At home | | | " |
| Elizabeth | 11 | At home | | | " |
| Mary | 9 | At home | | | " |
| Andrew | 7 | At home | | | " |
| Elma J | 5 | At home | | | " |
| William | 2 | At home | | | " |
| Davis, Joseph | 21 | Laborer | | | Oregon" |

 (NOTE: Philip Case Esler, the Library Volunteer who sent all of the information
 from the Solano County Genealogical Society, remarked near the end of his
 letter and report: "We who are searching our Family Histories always wish they
 had kept better records, but some did not. That appears to be the case of
 Elijah Preston Howell in Benicia. He was a farmer there and was not in the
 limelight that having the State Capitol there seems to have been...." He
 mirrors my sentiments exactly after having searched through many books in the
 Solano County Library, records in the Old Court House in Fairfield, the County
 Seat, and many more books in the LDS Family Library in Los Angeles. It is hard
 to face the fact that this branch of the family did not distinguish themselves
 in the area to the point where they were written about....unlike the Sonoma
 and Tulare County branches of the family.....HOWEVER, just as I was
 finishing the final editing in late June, I received a letter and a wealth)
 of material from Ann Cade Phelps of the SCGS in Vacaville, and the above
 disappointment was erased by the wealth of material she sent to me,
 particularly about his years in Missouri and included above.)

 1871-1872 - Information from Solano County Genealogical Society in May 1991:
 "Solano County Directories: 1871-72 - Howell, E P, Farmer, Benicia"

 1874 - Per Solano Co Genealogical Society information from Leza Jameson-Smith:
 "Elijah bought land in Redwood Valley on 17 Jun 1874 from Jerome W Coffin for

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 \$2400 gold coin. 486 Acres more or less."

1875 - from his diary, CROSSING THE PLAINS, Fri 17 Aug 1849:

"NOTE; Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, Cal. August 23, 1875.

"The foregoing taken from notes made on the journey from Mo. to Cal. in the year 1849, enlarged and corrected, was written in Benicia Township, Solano Co. Cal. by myself, E P Howell. Since I last wrote in this book, I have removed with my family to this County (Mendocino) and have become too blind to read or write. I am now near 72 years of age.

"I now recommence my overland notes by the hand of my daughter Betty."

1879 - (Obituary pasted to bottom of 2nd page of Howell Pictorial Family Register: "Another Pioneer Gone - Near Ukiah, Mendocino County, June 17, of heart disease, Mr E. P. Howell -

"The old citizens of this county will be pained to hear of the death of Mr E P Howell, long a highly esteemed resident of this vicinity.

"He was one of 'Nature's noblemen,' placed in humble circumstances; and by his death his family have lost a loving, and a much needed comforter and supporter, his old neighbors a dear friend, and his country a thoroughly honest man."

1879 - Information from June McCloud, Researcher, Mendocino County Historical Society in Ukiah, CA given to me 6 July 1990:

"UKIAH CITY PRESS, June 20, 1879, Pg. 5, Col. 4:

"DIED - In Redwood Valley, June 17, 1879, E. P. Howell, a native of Virginia, aged seventy-two years."

(NOTE: The age is wrong, because as stated in the Howell Pictorial Family Register, he was "75 years, 6 months and 6 days" old when he died in 1879.)

1880 - (Same source as above)

1880 Census of the U S; Mendocino Co, CA, Microfilm Copy, Line 20, Line 32: Place of Enumeration: Calpella Twp., 16 June 1880;

Page 20, Dwelling #152, Family #152:

"Howell, Margaret, age 52, widow, occupation farmer, b KY, father b KY, mother b KY;

Elizabeth, age 21, dtr, at home, b CA, father VA, mother KY;

Mary, age 19, dtr, at home, " " "

Andrew, age 17, son, at home, " " "

Elma, age 15, dtr, at home, " " "

William, age 12, son, at home, " " "

Page 20, Dwelling #153, Family #153:

Jameson, William, age 42, married, occupation farmer, b KY, father b KY, mother b KY;

Nancy, age 27, wife, keeps house, b CA, father b VA, mother KY

Frank, age 2, son, b CA, father b KY, mother b CA

1884-85 - from McKenny's 8-County Directory, 1884-85, page 171, Mendocino County-Ukiah, Original copy in Mendocino County Historical Society Library in Ukiah, noted on visit there 5 Jul 1990: "Howell, P, farmer, 556 acres"

1905 - The Old Court House in Fairfield, the County Seat of Solano County, does not have any records prior to 1905. All records prior to that time are available from the Solano County Genealogical Society.

The Howell plot in the Old Redwood Valley Cemetery on East Road in Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA is arranged as follows:

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Nancy Jameson
1852 - 1922
asleep in Jesus

W F Jameson
1837 - 1921
At Rest

Mary Howell Watson
1856 - 1915

Mother
Elma Jane Box
1864 - 1918

Howell
Elijah
1803 - 1879

Margaret
1830 - 1884



Elijah Preston Howell

REGISTER OF HUSBAND.

Name *Elijah Preston Howell*
 Birthplace *Grayson Co. Virginia*
 Date of Birth *December 11th A.D. 1803*
 Descent *Scotch*
 Father's Name *John Howell*
 Mother's Name *Nancy Baker*
 No. Br's & Sisters *Nine brothers, including self & 4 sisters*
 Education *Primary*
 Occupation *Farmer*
 Politics *Democrat*
 Religion *Baptist in principle*
 Date of Marriage *December 18th 1851*

Wife's Name *Margaret Jane Melan*



AUTOGRAPH

E. P. Howell

Stature *Five feet nine & three quarters inches*
 Weight *163 lbs*
 Habit *Average*
 Complexion *Florid*
 Color of Hair *Dark sandy*
 Color of Eyes *Hazel*
 Health *Average*
 Date of Death *January 17 1874*
 Disease *Heart disease*
 Place of Death *Redwood Valley Nevada*
 Age *76 years 6 months & 6 days*
 Place of Interment *Redwood Valley*

being covered.

Another pioneer Gene.
 Near Ukiah, Mendocino county, June 11th, of
 heart disease, Mr. E. P. Howell.
 The old citizens of this county will be
 pained to hear of the death of Mr. E. P.
 Howell, long a highly esteemed resident
 of this vicinity.

CROSSING THE PLAINS

by Elijah Preston HOWELL (1803 - 1879)

(Brief biographical data on Elijah Preston HOWELL as entered in the Family Register in his own hand:
Born Grayson Co. Virginia, December 11th, A.D. 1803, Scottish descent, son of John HOWELL and Nancy BAKER HOWELL; had nine brothers, 4 sisters; Primary education; Farmer; Democrat; Baptist in principle, married Margaret Jane MORELAND December 18th, 1851; 5'9-3/4 in stature, 163 lbs; average habit; florid complexion; dark sandy hair; hazel eyes; average health; died June 17, 1879, heart disease, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, California, 75 years, 6 months, 6 days; Interred at Redwood Valley. Newspaper clipping of obituary: "He was one of 'Nature's noblemen,' placed in humble circumstances; and by his death his family have lost a loving and a much needed comforter and supporter, his old neighbors a dear friend, and his country a thoroughly honest man."

(The handwritten original was destroyed by a fire in the Howell home. The above is typed from the original typed copy which he evidently dictated to his daughters between about 1870 and 1877. As noted in the text, the format changes at the August 20 date, and from that time on there are glaring grammatical, spelling, typing and syntax errors, most of which remain at this point in the interest of total accuracy in duplicating the diary. The distracting "(sic)" was used only in the most blatant cases.

Entered into computer in January 1988 by Alice (Box) Akins, great-grand-daughter of Elijah Preston Howell, grand-daughter of Elma Jane Howell Box, and daughter of Andrew Howell Box.)

"CROSSING THE PLAINS

The following account of a journey across the Plains in the year 1849, by E. P. Howell, was written out more than twenty years after the notes were taken down on the road. It would be a wonder therefore if no error should be found.

Having bid my dear Mother and other friends a last earthly farewell, as it has turned out since, on Sunday the 6th day of May 1849, I set out from Athens (now Albany) Gentry County, Missouri for the great mines of California.

My brother, John J. Howell and William H. Williams, both young men but the latter married, accompany me. We have a good two-horse waggon and four yoke of oxen..

Two other waggons go with us - one belonging to Jno. Wesley Handy, Jesse B. Handy, Josephus H. Cole and Dr. Sampson W. Sparks, with six yoke of cattle, two being milk cows. The other waggon with two yoke of cattle belongs to Amos Wright and Anthony Lutman.

We have two routes to the Missouri under consideration. One Westward over new and little roads through Nordaway, Holt and Atchison Counties to Bowlers Ferry: and the other to St. Joseph over better roads but more circuitous. As the Cholera is prevailing in St. Jo. we have decided to take the more direct route Westward.

Before we had fairly got started, and within a half mile of town Handy's waggon mired down and sprung an axle. I was surprised at the consummate skill with which Dr. Sparke managed the teams after taking the whip from one of the Handy's, making the whip fairly talk until he landed the waggon on firm ground. After remounting his horse I expressed my astonishment, when he dryly said, "It is my old trade."

We crossed the East Fork of Grand River at Litton's Ford, and camped the first night at Corlock's Ford on the Middle Fork, having travelled but 5 miles.

Monday, May 7th. Heavy roads and hard pulling. We made but 7 miles and encamped at Thomas Stanley's near the West Fork.

Tuesday, May 8. We lay by and made an axle for Handy's waggon.

We find we have loaded our waggons too heavily. We leave with Stanley Flour, Bacon. extra clothing, Books, Quadrant, etc. from our waggon to be sent back to our friends, lightening our load several hundred pounds.

Wednesday, May 9. We moved forward again. After crossing the West Fork of Grand River, my brother James, who had come with us this far, bid us farewell, and we were left alone: that is, all in Company were bound for Pacific. Many friends had accompanied us on our start, and some of them, John Canaday - had stayed with us the first night. My good brother James was the last to leave us. We crossed the Little Platte River at Lamming's Ford and camped.

Thursday, May 10. We got to the "102" River at Trosper's Ford. At night I and one of the boys watched a Deer Lick and killed a Small deer.

Friday, May 11. This morning Cole's Poney was missing. The waggons went forward and Cole and I remained to hunt for the poney. Towards evening we abandoned the hunt and pursued the waggons. We did not overtake them until next morning. We passed Maryville and stayed all night at Wash. Griffith's.

Saturday, May 12. We crossed the Nordaway River at Halsey's Ferry and camped a few miles West in the Prairie.

Sunday, May 13. Crossed the Tarkeo. Terrible bad Roads.

Monday, May 14. Encamped on Rock Creek in a violent storm of wind, rain and hail. We had trouble in getting over the creek next morning. Bad feeling began to show itself in our company.

Tuesday, May 15. Passed Linden, County Seat of Atchison County where we got an extra axle, fearing we might need one where none were to be had. I also bought a good Spy-glass from a young German tailor who had brought it from Germany.

Wednesday, May 16. We crossed the Nisheboteny River and reached the Missouri River bottom.

Thursday, May 17. Had very bad road up the bottom to John Bowler's Ferry. In coming up the bottom we fell in with a company from Ray County, Missouri, among whom I found several acquaintances. Since we intersected the St. Joseph road at Linden we have seen many emigrants bound for the same destination as ourselves. I left home with an Indian poney which for several days I have apprehended would not stand the journey well. I have therefore been trying to trade "Old Jim" off. Today I succeeded in making a swap with a farmer by the name of Bonham, and got a mare that I think will suit me better.

Friday, May 18. We crossed the Missouri River in a common flatboat a little below Table Creek on the S.W. side, and passing old Fort Kearney made about nine (9) miles.

Saturday, May 19. After consultation among ourselves we conclude to go into an organization with the Ray County Company to travel alone through the Indian country into which we had now arrived.

After an hour or two caucusing, Judge Daniel Parker was elected Captain of the Company. There were now fifteen wagons in the company.

Between Athens and Bowler's Ferry. the way we came, it is probably about one hundred miles.

Hereafter I propose noting the estimated distance of each day's travel, and the whole distance from the Missouri River.

This evening we encamped on the head of a creek on the right of the road about one and one half miles. We estimate the distance from the Missouri River to this encampment at sixteen (16) miles.

Sunday, May 20. We begin to hear exciting reports of Cholera among those ahead of us. We met some hurrying back to their homes in alarm.

We passed a train of Mormons bound for Salt Lake, under the direction I believe, of Aegan.

We made a good day's travel of about 20 miles to Salt Creek. Whole distance from Missouri River 36 miles.

Monday, May 21. With much trouble we crossed the creek and lay by near Palmer's Company, in which were my friends Gen. Jesse B. Thompson and his brother Maj. Jim. Thompson. Their brother, Geo. W. Thompson, is sick with Cholera. At night our stock stampeded, which raised quite a commotion for an hour or two, many thinking the Indians were after them, but we overtook them in about one mile and brought all safely back.

Tuesday, May 22. We moved forward. Passed Palmer's Company. Thompson died. Mormon Company passed us. This morning, May 22nd, we agreed to take into our company two waggons with two families from Carrol County Mo. We have now in our company seventeen waggons, fifty-one men and two women, viz:

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| Mess No.1 | John H Morehead
John Smith
George Hughes
William Dawson
John Clark | No.9 | Henry M.Wallace and wife
Henry McClary
E.W.Squires and wife
John Squires |
| No.2 | Edward Woodroe
John Vanscoit
James Vanscoit | No.10 | Robert Lee
James S.Shackelford
Thomas Esrey
John Shackelford |
| No.3 | J.M.Carter
John Temple
Samuel Bullock | No.11 | Milton Cundiff
B.D.Lucas
G.W.Hubbard
Robert J. Squires |
| No.4 | Josephus H.Cole
Jno.Wesley Handy
Jesse B.Handy
Sampson W.Sparks | No.12 | Robert K. Mcgee
Andrew Thompson |
| No.5 | Elijah P.Howell
John J.Howell
William H.Williams | No.13 | William Thompson
James Thompson |
| | | No.14 | Daniel Duncan
Daniel Parker, Captain
Benjamin Shields |

No.6 Amos Wright
Anthony Lutman

John Duncan
James Hill
William Duncan
Daniel Duncan Jun.

No.7 Ephriam January Sen.
Ephriam January Jun.
Wilson McKinney
Thomas Alsop

No.8 William Colly
William Gilpin
James H. Colly
Leonard Ballew

These people were all from Ray County, Mo., except our Gentry County Company, and messes 9 and 11, who were from Carrol County.

This day we traveled about 15 miles from Salt Creek to Elk Creek. Whole distance from Missouri River 51 miles.

Wednesday, May 23. Came to Oak Grove, 20 miles. Whole distance 71 miles.

Thursday, May 24. In 15 miles we reach the bottom lands of the River Platte. We camped 5 miles up the river bottom, near Palmer's Train. Today we saw the first antelope. 91 miles.

Friday, May 25. Our road is now up the river. I killed my first antelope - a fine buck. We made 20 miles - 100 miles.

Saturday, May 26. Travelled on about 12 miles to the Pawnee Village which we found deserted - only one old sick man and a boy remaining in all the town.

The Government, as I understand, began to build a fort at Table Creek, where we crossed the Missouri River; but afterward abandoned it and pushing farther West, built the present Fort Kearney in the year 1846 at Grand Island on the Platte River.

I believe we are travelling on the Government road from the old fort to the new one, and that the road has been measured by Government that the distance from Table Creek or Old Fort Kearney to Fort Kearney is 220 miles; and that it is 80 miles from this Pawnee Village to the Fort.

We hear that the Pawnee's were frightened away from their village by the approach of a band of their enemy, the Sioux. We went about 4 miles above the village and camped on the river.

Near night some of our men found a small Indian boy secreted near our camp. They brought him to camp, fed him and took care of him until morning, and let him go.

Sunday, May 27. We lay by, some feeling religious scruples against travelling on Sunday, and others believing it the best policy to let our teams rest at least one day in the week. There was opposition, however, to this rest on Sundays, by those who believed we should push on while we had good grass and good roads.

Monday, May 28. The road today was across the bluffs, which in some places run down to the river bank. Esquire January, Maj. Morehead and I hunted off the road today. We encamped on the river, having made about 15 miles.

On Saturday, after the train left the Pawnee Village, I remained some time enjoying the view from the high ground above the Village. The river here is several miles wide with many islands in it. While I was here, Benjamin Holliday and Maj. Dougherty passed on their way to Fort Kearney.

Tuesday, May 29. We passed the remnant of Patton's, or rather Brown's Company from Nordaway County, Mo., where they had just buried N. Campbell who had died last night at one o'clock from Cholera. He is buried on the bank of a slough where the Platte River leaves the bluffs. I put the name of the County and State on the head-board. His name and the date had been written before on it.

At dinner this company passed us. In the evening we passed Palmer and the Mormon or Egan's Company. We camped in a wet bottom. Had come maybe 15 miles.

Wednesday, May 30. We had rain about daybreak.

Thursday, May 31. In ten or twelve miles we intersected the St. Joseph and Independence road teeming with emigrants. We fell in with a company from Independence, Mo., and another from St. Louis in which Dr. T. J. White seemed to be leader. We encamped for the night three miles below Fort Kearney.

Friday, June 1, 1849. We availed ourselves of the opportunity of writing back home from the Fort. Ben. Holliday intended to return to St. Jo. and Liberty within a few days and kindly proposed to carry back any letters we might wish to send.

I wrote to my mother, to my brother James, David R.. Atchison, Geo. W. Lewis and William Ridenbaugh.

A few miles above the fort we passed the encampment of the Oregon Regiment (Cavalry). We camped about 15 miles above the Fort. Whole distance from the Missouri River 235 miles.

Saturday, June 2. We travelled up the river bottom about 20 miles to Plum Creek where we lay by until Monday. 255.

Monday, June 4. Yesterday Isadore Robidoux, my old Grand River friend, lay by with us. He and Mr. Richards are on

their return from the mountains with four or five waggon loads of Buffalo Robes. I believe they are in the employ of the American Fur Company.

Robidoux is a brother of Old Joseph Robidoux, who was for many years an Indian Trader for the Fur Company at the present site of St. Joseph on the Missouri River, and who afterwards laid off the rown. (sic) I think it was in the year 1846 that Isadore Robidoux opened a Dry Goods store in Athens, Mo. when I first became acquainted with him. He had been an employee of the Fur Company for thirteen years, stationed a portion of the time on Uintah River. He had left his family in St. Louis, and furring the thirteen years, had never returned to see them. His wife had been informed that he was dead, had been married again to a man named Taylor and was living with him in St. Louis when Robidoux returned to St. Joseph. She wished to return to her former husband, believing him to be her only lawful one. Some attempts at a reconciliation were made by his family, which he refused to listen to, until after Taylor's death, when she came to St. Joseph and sent to Athens for him. Isadore went, and after having been re-married, returned with his wife, a very happy man it seemed to me.

But they did not live together long. It was probably hard for her to reconcile herself to back-woods society, and his habits of seclusion acquired by his long residence in the mountains. She returned to St. Louis and he soon disposed of his store in Athens and went again to the Mountains. I esteem Isadore Robidoux as an honest, good-hearted man. We made about 20 miles to mouth of a slough.

Tuesday, June 5. This day Dr. Sparks and I made a long detour to the South of the road, hunting. We saw much Buffalo sign, some of it fresh; also some Elk. We travelled perhaps 40 miles and came to the road at the mouth of a creek which we had descended, where we found our train encamped. The waggons had come 18 or 20 miles. Distance from Missouri 293 miles.

Wednesday, June 6. It rained hard last night. Lay by today. Ever since we passed Kearney the road has generally been crowded with emigrants to the California Gold Mines. Each company or train is trying to get ahead of every other.

Thursday, June 7. Travelled in a large crowd. In about ten miles we halted for dinner near a spring. We passed a Company from Texas who had lost five men who had left the Company to hunt. There is frequent racing for the land in the road. Today I have seen these lines of wagons, one in the road and one on each side running their teams, oxen, mules and horses, each endeavoring to gain the advance. We passed Lafayette Co., Mo. Company, Ewing Captain. Today we came about 20 miles and encamped one and one half miles on the right of the road. 313.

Friday, June 8. Today I had a grand Buffalo hunt. Early in the morning Dr. E. January, Dr. Sparks, E. January Esq., Robert Lee and myself left the wagons, and passing the St. Francois Company, with whom we met Tarleton Caldwell, from Gentry Co., Mo. we left the road, passed through the bluffs four or five miles South, and came onto the high undulating plains. After travelling some time and seeing no Buffalo, I tried my double barrel shot gun laded with balls, at a fine antelope, and dropped him in his tracks. It was a good shot. We took the best part of the meat and rode on. At length we discovered a herd of Buffalo, and immediately all was excitement to be at them. Dr. January was the only one among us who had ever seen a wild Buffalo. He had taken his lessons while with Col. Gilpin's Battalion on the Arkansas, during the Mexican War. He directed us to a depression where we picketted our horses and hobbled them, some of us with our handkerchiefs. Then we approached the herd, and selecting our best marksman, Lee, directed him to shoot a particularly fine looking one, while the rest of us, each selecting for himself, fired as soon as we saw the flash of Lee's rifle. We fired a second volley before the Buffalo got fairly out of reach. Several were wounded - we followed one which left the herd, and gave him another round which brought him down. It was a young bull, but very good beef. We followed on after the herd, which was a small one, about 50, found another band, fired at them, but killed no more. We took what meat we could well pack, and started for the road. Night overtook us when we came to the Bluffs, through and down which to the river bottom and road we dared not venture in the night. Next morning.

Saturday, June 9. After passing a very uncomfortable night, we reached the road, and following on, came up with our friends who had just got across South Platte. When we had proceeded a few miles up on the West side of the South Fork of Platte, where was some excitement in the Company, occasioned by what appeared to be a military Company, mounted and with a flag flying, formed directly across our road. Our Captain and some others rode forward to see what was up, and ascertained that it was a band of 50 or 60 Sioux Indians, warriors and head men, I think, who represented to us that we were travelling through their country, destroying their grass and scaring away their game, and that they expected us to give them something as a compensation. We understood this expectation as equal to a command, and accordingly shelled out. As our train of waggons came up the Indians dismounted, each warrior standing by his horse's head, maintaining their line across the road, the Chief some paces in advance and near the centre. Some Buffalo Robes were spread on the ground, and each waggon put down upon them what we felt like giving. The Chief, a man not more than 28 or 30 years old, and of medium size, stood proudly by, scarcely noticing what his white brothers were giving

him. The waggons passed on through the Indian line as they made their contributions, and when all had passed, the Sioux broke their line and camped along the road, trafficking with our people, in which the latter generally suffered. We went on three or four miles further and encamped. Many Indians hung about our camp 'till bed-time. From the Missouri River at Table Creek to Fort Kearney it is 220 miles, and to the South Fork of Platte 331 miles.

Sunday, June 10. We crossed the Bluffs in one or two miles to the North Fork. We passed the St. Francois Company, stopped for dinner, and then up bottom of North Fork 8 or 10 miles. Bull Tail, Chief of the Buel (or Bule) band of Sioux, came to our Camp making a poor mouth, something after the manner of an Italian beggar, and showing letters of good behavior from Gen. Kearney and others. This old fellow is said to be Chief of about 300 lodges. The Chief we saw yesterday was probably of another band. This day we saw several herds of Buffalo across the river on the North side.

Monday, June 11. The Bluffs coming down to the river, our road bore across them, but before night it came down to the river bottom again. This day I killed the first Black-tailed Deer I had ever seen. These deer have less white hair on the under side of their tails, and run with their tails down, showing but little of the white so that the dark back part of the tail only is seen, whence (sic) the name. Last night we had a hard storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning. We had come about 17 miles.

Tuesday, June 12. Travelled 18 or 20 miles up the river. I hunted out among the Bluffs. We camped three or four miles below Ash Grove, near a good spring where their (sic) were six lodges of Indians and a white trader. We understand most of the Sioux have gone South, to visit and trade with the Comanches. About 600 lodges have gone.

Wednesday, June 13. We made about 15 miles today, travelling over the Bluffs and then down Ash Hollow, where we found a good spring and plenty of good wood -- cedar and ash.

Thursday, June 14. Passed Castle Rock. Bob Lee and I went hunting. I killed a large Gray Wolf, and wounded a Coyote. We saw two Elk, but could not get a shot at them. We came down a running creek to the road, and up about 5 miles to our people encamped.

Friday, June 15. We passed Pomeroy's hindmost train. After dinner we broke McGee's axle-tree, at a handsome running creek, near its mouth. We encamped to repair the waggon. I rode out to the Bluffs 4 or 5 miles distant. Pine timber. From the Bluffs I could see Castle Rock or the Lone Tower, which seemed to me a short distance ahead. The Chimney Rock

and the Court House or Church were also in sight. We were mistaken Thursday; we had not passed Castle Rock.

Saturday, June 16. James Shackelford is quite sick, and we lay by.

Sunday, June 17. Our sick friend being better, we moved forward. In one or two miles we passed a good spring on the South side of the road. When we came in sight of Castle Rock, which seemed to be a mile or two south of the road, many started out to see it, some on horse-back and some a-foot. But from the peculiar rarefaction or refraction of light in these parts, the distance was 3 or 4 times greater than it seemed to be. Many turned back before reaching it. I found the distance to be eight miles instead of two as I thought from where I left the road.

I clambered to the top of this singular mass of soft stone, but not until I had divested myself, first of boots, and afterwards of socks, at the several terraces where it was dangerous to climb.

I was surprised to find on the plain before I reached the rock, many pine knots, some hundred or two (sic) from where they must have been washed, and where they may have laid for centuries.

When I returned to the road, the train had stopped at a creek to noon. We had passed three fresh graves in the morning.

Mr. William Colly had been unwell for a day or two, and now we knew he had Cholera. We made about fifteen or twenty miles.

Monday, June 18. Mr. Colly very sick. I sat up with him until mid-night. In a storm of wind and rain last night, his tent blew down and it was with difficulty we protected him from the fury of the storm. We made a late start this morning. Colly's friends, with their waggon remained, Dr. Sparks with them. The company halted at noon within three or four miles of Chimney Rock.

There is considerable alarm at the prevalence of Cholera, but it is not so much of a fright as when we were at Salt Creek.

At our noon camp Colly's waggon came up, the old man dying. We lay by. The sick man died about dark. We buried him South of the road.

Government trains came up, and beef cattle, and a part of the Oregon Regiment.

Tuesday, June 19. We started early. As we passed Chimney Rock I drove the team, while my brother and, I believe Mr. Williams, went out to see it. After nooning we left the river, and having made about twenty miles, encamped in the rear of Scotts Bluffs, which are on the right, between the road and the river.

Six Companies of a mounted Rifle Regiment of U. S. Troops with a train of about one hundred and twenty waggons, beef cattle, mules, etc., passed on a few miles ahead of us. Col. Loring is in command of this Regiment, called the Oregon Regiment. I noticed one of his arms had been amputated between the shoulder and elbow. Among other Officers were Maj. Crittenden, who seemed to be unpopular among the soldiers, Brev. Maj. Ruff, Capt. of Company 1. One soldier of Co. 1 died this evening of Cholera.

Wednesday, June 20. In about eight miles we came to Robidoux'. We hear that grass is good ahead. From this place to St. Joseph, Missouri, is 602 miles and to Fort Laramie 56; and twelve to Horse Creek. In four or five miles from Robidoux' we came to a branch, and a good spring. There is a fine spring at Robidoux' also. Today, from a small elevation we had a view of Laramie Peak, a spur of the Rocky Mountains, many miles distant.

We came to a small creek, but deep; and in a few hundred yards to Horse Creek, wide and shallow. Two miles further on we camped.

Some bad feeling having arisen in Handy's mess, the two Handy's hired to drive teams for Pomeroy, withdrawing temporarily from their Co.

This evening Sparks and Cole withdrew from the Company, and camped a short distance from us. The rifle Regiment, with their trains, camped near us. Scott's and the prospect from high points about Robidoux' is the grandest I ever saw.

Thursday, June 21. Started early. Sparks and Cole in advance. Major Morehead with his two waggons, E. January and his waggon & Gilpin and Carter and their waggons separated from us.

We came down on the river again and nooned, every man his own Captain.

The road led up between the river and bluffs, through bluffs, and then down onto the River where we camped, having travelled this day 20 or 25 miles.

There are now eleven waggons in Company, J. H. Tam, with his wife and child having joined us.

Our encampment is near old Fort Bernard, said to be eight miles from Fort Laramie. Here we have a fine spring of water.

Friday, June 22. Road leads up the River bottom, over sandy bluffs to Laramie River, which we crossed a short distance below the Fort. Fort John is in sight and not far off on the North Fork. At Fort Laramie we met with our Missouri acquaintances, Alex. Dever, Ben. Sampson, Tom. Miller, John Spainhoward, John and Jesse Hall, who had driven Governments to this place. I wrote home to my Mother and my brother James.

Here I got Dr. Logan to put up a package of Cholera Medicine for me; I understood he had been employed as surgeon in the

Rifle Regiment, and was very successful in the treatment of Cholera.

I remained several hours after the waggon had passed on, trying to buy a horse, but did not succeed. The horse, Dr. Logan's, was in the Government band, and could not be got without an order from the Officer in charge, who was on a Court Martial then in session.

The road keeps up Laramie River one mile, and then takes to the hills - the Black Hills. We camped on the right of the road six miles from the Fort.

Amos Wright's and Toney's little team being about to fail, they separated, Wright going into Sparks' mess and Toney joining Mr. Tam.

The Handy's, Wesley and Burk, joined their waggon again.

Saturday, June 23. We made about 18 miles, to Bitter Creek and two miles up it. We camped near a good spring. The creek water was very good also. The Nordaway Company lay near us.

Sunday, June 24. Up Bitter Creek 2 miles, then up Dry Branch 13 miles to Heber Spring and lay by.

Monday, June 25. Rode out to hunt and see the country, in company with Judge Parker and Daniel Duncan, in the direction of Laramie Peak. We started before sun-rise, in a South West direction, and were within 10 or 15 miles of the peak when we came to some steep, timbered hills where we turned down a small creek N.W. Several other forks came into the creek, forming a large stream bearing off to the North. We saw much Buffalo and Elk sign, and a flock of what are said to be Mountain Goats.

When we came to our company they were encamped on a small creek, having come 15 miles.

We were mistaken in being at Heber Spring last night, we are now in (sic) 10 or 12 miles of La Bonte River.

Tuesday, June 26. Travelled over bad road: i.e. hilly and crooked, and nooned on La Bonte River. I went forward about five miles to a branch of La Bonte, and up it 1-1/2 miles from the road where we camped. This afternoon I made some extracts from the "Guide Book of the Latter Day Saints", which I borrowed for a short time from a Company of Mormons. La Bonte River is from "Winter Quarters" (Council Bluffs) 582-3/4 miles, and from the City of Great Salt Lake 448-1/2 miles. Fourche Bois River, 30 feet wide and two feet deep, is in latitude 42 deg. 51' 5"

The City of the Great Salt Lake is distant from Council Bluffs 1031 miles. And Northboundary of Temple Rock in said City, is in Latitude 40 deg. 45' 44". Longitude 111 deg. 26' 34", Variation 15 deg. 47' 23" East, on 30th. July 1847. Altitude 4300 feet.

Wednesday, June 27. Left our encampment a few miles and stopped to graze. Bad grazing, and our cattle quite sore-footed.

We made about 18 miles, passing La Prele River, and camped near Box Elder Creek.

Thursday, June 28. We crossed Fourche Bois river and came down on Platte River again, and up it a few miles and camped.

Friday, June 29. Robt. McGee and I left the Company for the upper ferry, to make arrangements for crossing.

After riding ahead for some hours we discovered a lone horseman in hot pursuit of two Buffalo Bulls. Observing the chase for some time, the temptation became too strong for me, and although the Buffalos were proceeding in an opposite direction to the Ferry, I joined the determined huntsman, who would load his rifle as his horse ran, and charge up with a shout and fire into the huge beasts. We ran them back, skirting the road until we met several trains, our own in the lead. Here the Buffalos struck for the river, crossing the road just ahead of our train. Many snatched their guns from the waggons and poured a hot volley into the flying monsters. As they took the river they were observed by a large train on the North side of the river, and before and after landing were fired into, which turned them back to our side where we dispatched one. The other, I believe, was killed further down the river. It was a very exciting chase, and a very long one.

I had fired several rounds with my double-barreled shot-gun loaded with balls, and several with a pair of large holster pistols. It was wonderful that the animal could run so long, after receiving so many balls.

We continued on to Deer Creek and encamped.

Saturday, June 30. In 6 or 10 miles we reached the Mormon Ferry and crossed the North Fork of Platte River. Going on 5 miles further we camped. We ferried our waggons, but drove our stock into the river and made them swim it. Whole distance from the Missouri River 637 miles.

Sunday, July 1, 1849. The road leaves the River from 5 to 10 miles to the left, and takes through the hills in the direction of Sweet Water.

We travelled about 14 miles, passing several mineral lakes and springs, and leaving the road, turned off about two miles toward the River and encamped. We drove our cattle 4 or 5 miles to the river for grass and water and kept them there till morning.

Monday, July 2. Two buffalos came to our camp this morning. Our people wounded both but got neither. I left the road and hunted up the river. I wounded a deer but did not get it.

Came into the road at a small spring, 12 miles from where we left the road yesterday. Passed Willow Spring and Prospect Hill and a bad slough, and to camp, near a creek 300 yards South of the road. We had come about 20 miles.

Tuesday, July 3. We passed near a lake from which we gathered 15 or 20 pounds Saleratus - that is our mess - as much and more than we thought we should need. There was plenty for everybody.

We passed by the celebrated Independence Rock. Whole distance 694 miles.

After crossing Sweet River and going two miles further, we left the road and drove up to the foot of the mountains on the South, and lay by till Thursday to celebrate Independence Day. We had travelled on the road today about 18 miles.

Wednesday, July 4. The men all paraded in line, every man with his arms loaded, and fired a salute to the anniversary of our National Independence.

Billy Williams, my brother John and myself climbed the mountain under the cliffs of which our camp lay, many hundred feet high, to see how the country around looked from the top, and to have a hunt. We separated on top of the mountain, and a short time afterwards I discovered a flock of Mountain Sheep and had the good luck to kill two, with one barrel charged with buckshot, as they were running through a narrow pass between some rocks. One fell at fire of my gun and the others ran only about 60 yards. They were both large rams with tremendous horns.

These were the first of these strange animals I had ever seen, unless a flock of what were said to be Mountain Goats, which I had seen some time ago were the same.

I fired at and wounded one other large Mountain Sheep, but did not get him. My brother joined me, and two other men, and we carried the two sheep to camp. They were in fine condition, and we found them most excellent meat. Williams killed one, but so far from camp, and being alone he could bring in but one quarter, and the tallow, 5 or 6 pounds.

Thursday, July 5. Our train moved on again. The cattle's feet had been badly cut up on the sharp gravelly road since we came into the Black Hills. In about 5 miles we passed the Devil's Gate, which from some cause I failed to visit.

Finding our team too sore-footed and weak to keep up with the Company at the speed they were travelling, we concluded to fall behind and try to doctor and refresh our cattle.

From anxiety about the condition of our team, and the slow progress we were making in the long journey before us, I discontinued making notes of our travel until the 19th of August, when we were on Mary's, now called Humboldt River. And then I only noted daily occurrences until the 26th, when I filled up the gap from memory.

Independence Rock, according to the Mormon Guide Book, . is 695-3/4 miles from Winter Quarters, (Council Bluffs), and 332-1/4 from the City of the Great Salt Lake. From the mouth of Table Creek, on the Missouri River, it is 675 miles by this journal.

We rested our cattle a while and moved on alone. I obtained the use of Ware's Guide Book for a short time, from an emigrant, and from it took the following promiscuous (sic) extracts.

"South Pass is distant from Ft. Laramie 300 miles, and 950 from the mouth of Kansas River. It is in Latitude 42 deg. 27'15"; Longitude 109 deg. 27'32"; Altitude 7490 feet."

From the Mormon Guide Book the altitude of South Pass is 7085 feet and the Latitude of Pacific Creek, crossing 4-1/2 miles from South Pass, 42 deg. 18'58"; longitude 108 deg. 40'.

From Ware's book, summit of dividing between Green and Bear Rivers altitude 8230 feet.

Steam Boat Spring, Lat. 42 deg. 39'57"; long. 111'; Alt. 5840 feet.

In 11 miles we left the Sweet Water River about dark, passed an Alkali lake, and in three or four miles camped without water. A Mr. Williams, of Newton Co. Mo. Camped with us. We had come this day about 17 miles.

Friday, July 6th. Passed Sage Creek and came to river where we shed one of our oxen. We drove on a short distance further and lay by till night. After night we drove 8 or 10 miles and camped without water. Our policy now is to travel when our cattle are most able to stand, whether day or night; and to stop whenever and wherever we find good grass. We keep one of our water-kegs, and sometimes both filled, so we often camp where there is no water, minding to let our cattle drink at the last water before going into a dry camp. We have two water kegs, one holding ten gallons, and the other twenty. This day we made about 16 miles.

Saturday, July 7. In 3 or 4 miles we came to the river again, and crossed to the North side. Lat. 42 deg. 31'20". Crossed and re-crossed the river again, and in about 4 miles turned down on the river and lay by the remainder of the day. We had come about 10 miles.

Sunday, July 8. In 4 miles we came to Ford NO. 4. Maj. Morehead had come up with us. We left one of our oxen, he being too lame to go any further.

Yesterday I had a prospect of the snow-covered Rocky Mountains, from a hill on the other side of the river, over which the road passes.

We crossed the river and in 6 miles passed Ice Spring.

This spring seemed to be a thawing mass of ice, beneath a coat of mud from 6 to 12 inches thick; and covered a space

of several rods square. The water that rose through the mud and seeped away, was of course about as cold as ice. This is my recollection of Ice Spring on the 11th. day of March, 1872, as I made no note of the character of the place when we passed it.

In ten miles more we came to river and crossed at Ford No. 5. and drove up on the side of a hill about one mile and camped, having travelled 21 miles.

Monday, July 9. We came to the river in two or three miles, having grazed our cattle on the South side of the hill, as we had but little grass last night.

We crossed and re-crossed the river, being in company with Capt. Steadman's train.

We went 6 miles up the river, and turned to the right up a deep hollow and crossed steep, rocky high hills. We passed Waldoe's Co. came to a high flat, passed a lake on the left, crossed two small streams, turned down to the left 1-1/2 miles from the road onto Strawberry Creek and camped. We had come about 16 miles.

Tuesday, July 10. We regained the road, crossed Strawberry creek and kept up it, passing quaking Asp Grove one mile from the creek. Three miles further on we crossed a branch of Sweet Water, and in 2 miles more we crossed Willow creek. 5 miles further brought us to Sweet Water, where we crossed it for the last time, leaving it on our right.

There was a large bank of snow by the road-side at the crossing. The first snow we got was back on Willow Creek.

We watered our stock and filled our water keg at Sweet-Water, and drove on 6 or 7 miles over good road, and camped in good grass in the celebrated South Pass. This day we had made 18 miles. The whole distance from the Missouri R. by my journal is 773 miles.

Wednesday July 11. In 2 or 3 miles we passed the highest point in the pass, which could not have been but a few feet higher than where we camped.

It seems to me now, 1872, that it is 10 or 20 miles on the North, or North-west to where the high peaks begin to rise from the broken plain. On the South the peaks are nearer.

The night was a beautiful one and this morning clear, calm and frosty. Our cattle had filled themselves by bed-time, and came up to the waggon to be tied up to the wheels. They are much improved and travel well. We are all alone.

I rode across a spur of the mountain on the left, and came down on Pacific Creek, and waited for the waggon to come along. From this place the waters fall into the Pacific Ocean.

The waggon had passed Pacific Spring three miles from the culminating point in the pass. Some distance down the creek we overtook Dr. Sparks and his Company lying by to refresh their cattle which were now in a worse condition than ours. They yoked up and we all moved on together.

10-1/2 miles from Pacific Spring we crossed Dry Sandy, and three or four miles further on encamped several hours after night, having come 20 miles.

Thursday, July 12. In 2 or 3 miles we came to forks of the road, one going around by Fort Bridger, and Salt Lake, and the other cutting off the elbow, and joining the first at Thomas' fork of Bear River. We took the cut-off and went on to Little Sandy; but being disappointed in finding plenty of water, as we had expected, we drove on to Big Sandy, 12 miles further. Here we encamped several hours after night, having come 20 miles.

Friday, July 13. From here to Green River we had a long dry stretch before us, said to be 35 miles, without grass or water. Instead of 35 miles we found it 40 or 50.

We lightened our loads in every way we could. We, that is my mess, threw out sugar, coffee, shot lead, etc. and still further lightened our waggon by cutting off 20 or 24 inches of hind end of our waggon bed. We also hewed down the ox yokes as much as we thought safe.

This was the third or fourth time we had lightened our waggons since we set out on this journey. When we came to the Black Hills, we threw out bacon, flour, etc.

Late in the afternoon we set out for Green River and travelled all night and all day.

Saturday, July 14. Late in the afternoon we arrived at Green River, and drove 2 or 3 miles down it to the Pioneers' Ferry. Whole distance 872 miles.

Sunday, July 15. We crossed the river early; ferrying the waggons and swimming the cattle over. Went on 3 miles and lay by to rest. Cole of Sparks' Co. very sick. He refused any medicine, telling me that his policy when sick was to neither eat nor drink until his disorder left him. This seemed to be practising the Antiphlogistic Regimen with a vengeance., but it was successful in this instance, and in a few days Cole was as well as ever. We had passed our Company, Judge Parker's on the other side of Green River.

In crossing the dry stretch between Sandy and Green Rivers, our cattle suffered much, but when they seemed likely to fail we gave them a quart or two of water in which we stirred a handful or two of flour.

When we arrived at Green River our teams rushed into the water several rods and some of them stood some time cooling and resting before they would drink. At this encampment we had tolerably good grass for our poor, almost famished stock. We killed several, perhaps half a dozen grouse which made us a most excellent repast; and this came at a good time as most of us were a good deal exhausted and somewhat feverish from fatigue and our salt provisions.

Monday, July 16. We took the road again. Crossed a large creek and camped on a little hill. But little water and that not good. A man by the name of Andrew Riggins, who I think had fallen behind his Company stayed all night with us. We had come maybe 16 miles.

Tuesday, July 17. Dr. Sparks and I hunted off the road on the right. We saw much sign of game, deer, elk, buffalo, we thought, and bear. There were also fresh Indian signs. We passed through several groves of the Baosam Fir trees. These trees were generally small with numbers of blisters in the bark, filled with the clear, pure Balsam. In the afternoon Sparks and I became separated in a thick grove, he climbing the mountain to where the snow lay, and I following the trail of a band of elk. It was perhaps midnight when I reached the waggon, after a long, lonesome ride in a dangerous place. The waggon had come about 18 miles.

Wednesday, July 18. The road wound about among ridges and took a cut-off to the left and brought us down on a large creek or river where there were some traders. We crossed the creek and took up a very long and very steep hill on the top of which we nooned. In the afternoon we passed a spring on the left, and camped half a mile from it, having come probably 18 miles.

Thursday, July 19. Passed through thick pine timber, crossed a deep hollow, up a long ridge and down a very bad hill to the valley of Bear River. We passed on by a good spring on the right to Thomas' Fork of Bear River, and camped on it. We thought we had come 16 miles.

Whole distance from Missouri River 937 miles.

Friday, July 20. Crossed Thomas' Fork where it comes through the Bluffs, down Bear Valley and camped on a little creek where we assisted in burying a man. 18 miles.

Saturday, July 21. Dr. Sparks and I rode along the river. Rain in the afternoon. We camped on a little creek where we had bad water. 15 miles.

Sunday, July 22. We camped in the hills near Waldoe's train. We had come 20 miles.

Monday, July 23. We made a short halt at the Beer (sic) or Soda Springs and at Steamboat Spring.

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Thursday, June 20, 1872 I recommence writing off (sic) my Overland notes.

The Soda Spring and Steamboat Spring rise near the Northern bank of Bear River. There are several soda springs from (which) tolerable soda water flows, and many small mounds formed by incrustations from the water, with basins at the tope in some of which the weter (sic) still flows over, while some have only standing, bubbling water while others are dry. The Steam Boat Spring is in one or two rods of the bank of the river, I think. The water in it comes gurgling and sputtering up through an irregular opening in the flat rock, some six to twelve inches in size, and froths and spouts up (according to my recollection) some 2-1/2 or 3 feet high, and then siunks gurgling still, back into the ground to rise and spout up again (I think now, in 1872) in about 40 or 50 seconds.

These springs and mounds and basins, and the little of the country which we saw about them are among the greatest of the many wonderful things I have seen on this journey.

Four miles below the springs we came to forks of the road. The right hand leads on to Fort Hall. We took the left, a new road or cut-off, leading across a plain six or eight miles in which there were several fissures in the earth, a rod or two wide, and ten or fifteen feet deep, I think. The walls of these chasms seemed to have been separated by some convulsion of Nature.

We passed the North-western elbow of Bear River at a remarkable cliff of rocks on the South side. After crossing the plain we failed to find water as we had expected, and which began to be needed, so we kept on up a long hollow, many scouring the hill-sides in search of springs, and over a ridge, after night to a creek of very cold water.

We had come 10 or 12 miles from the fork of the road, and altogether this day about 26.

Tuesday, July 24. Yesterday we had left Bear River to our left and the Oregon Road to our right. By my account, from the Mo. River to where we left the Fort Hall road it is 1012 miles.

We passed another creek and came on down to the head of the same and nooned.

(We) camped that night on the margin of a Bull-rush swamp, by a spring. We had come 16 miles.

Wednesday, July 25. In ten miles we came to a small spring on the South side of a hill, where I shod my mare and we lay by till

Thursday, July 26. Ten miles to a large basin spring and nooned. Went up a very long hollow and camped in it without water, one mile before reaching the top of a mountain. Travelled this day 20 miles.

(Friday, July 27.) We started early, reached top of mountain, descended very bad hill, and in about 15 miles came to good spring water and lay by there.

Saturday, July 28. Road passed through a gap in high, irregular hills. We camped on a little creek below some springs. Days travel 15.

Sunday, July 29. We came on down the creek. Dr. Sparks and myself climbed and pulled our horses to the top of a very high hill on the South side of the road, and had a view through a spy-glass of Great Salt Lake. It lay many miles to the South, or South-East of us.

We crossed a large valley and lay on a creek near the intersection of our road with the one that leads around by Fort Hall. We made about 18 miles.

Today, as Sparks and I were coming down the high hill we saw away off to our left, many columns of dust a few feet in diameter, ascending many hundred feet into the air and moving slowly to the East or North-East. We supposed the dust was raised from the Salt Lake road by whirl-winds. We saw trains of emigrants also passing Westward on the Salt Lake road.

Monday, July 30. Came a few miles to Fort Hall road, up Raft River and camped at a little spring near a company from Texas. It is 117 miles through this cut-off.

Tuesday, July 31. Passed intersection of Salt Lake road. We camped on a small branch where there was a fresh grave. Today we passed some very strange rocks and hills (since called City Rocks).

Wednesday, August 1, 1849. We arrived on Goose Creek at the first crossing, having come down a very bad hill, especially in two places. In the afternoon we moved on up the creek and camped on its banks and caught some fish.

Thursday, August 2. We travelled on up the creek. At noon we came up with our Gentry Co. Mo. friends, Mr Zechariah Linville, old Mr. Cranor and their Company and lay by with them till

Friday, Aug. 3. Kept on up the creek 4 to 6 miles and left the valley, keeping up a branch to the right and across a sage plain to a warm spring and camped there.

(Note - Nov. 14th. 1872, I resume my notes)

Saturday, Aug. 4, 1849. We kept down warm spring valley, passing mineral springs and some fresh-water wells, and coming into Hot Spring Valley, went up it to a narrow part and camped.

Sunday, August 5th. We left Dr. Sparks & Co. in Hot Spring Valley. J. B. Handy was too sick to travel. We pushed on to find better grass and water, where we were to wait for

them to come up. The valley is most beautiful, abounding in fine grass beginning 3 or 4 miles above where we left Sparks & Co. We came about 10 miles and stopped for dinner on the left side of the road, where the creek runs lively through large Bull rushes. Three miles further we came to the Hot Springs - boiling hot - and one mile further to an excellent cold water spring. Near this we passed Cranor, Linville & Co. In 6 miles we came to some springs on both sides of the road. There was scarcely water enough for our stock, nor had we seen but little grass the last 4 miles.

Here we crossed the dividing ridge to the waters of Mary's River (now Humboldt River). The whole distance from the Missouri to this divide I put at 1323 miles.

It is about three miles to the summit and five miles from there to the first water on the left-hand road. Here we stayed till morning. We had travelled till one o'clock morning and made at least 28 miles the past day and night. We had little grass and water not plenty. The Jefferson City Co., Capt. Moore, was lying at the same place.

Monday, Aug. 6. We travelled down the valley a short distance, took the hills and sage, and came into valley on the left with fine grass and good springs resembling wells. We stopped for dinner here, having come 7 or 8 miles. Mr. Stone, of the Jefferson City Mo, Co. is with us.

We moved on down the valley rich in grass and passing well-springs, about five or six feet deep. The water in the lower ones is not very cold. We left the valley in about four miles, and crossing a flat sage ridge came into the valley again, which had now a small running creek in it. We crossed the creek at about the first appearance of water, went down it on the right side to good grass and camped near the road, on the right side, the creek and the road being on our left. We had made about 16 miles.

Tuesday, Aug. 7. In about five miles we came to the "Ford" of Mary's river, which is here about one rod wide. Last night we had crossed the road coming in from the Canon on our right. This morning before coming to Mary's river we had crossed the creek and had it on our right. It had united with the river above the "Ford".

We crossed the river to the right side, and went down the river 5 miles and camped on it $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the road in excellent grass. Here we lay by the remainder of the day and all

Wednesday, Aug. 8th. In the evening Dr. Sparks and his company came up. Last night I had a very severe attack of asthma.

Thursday, Aug. 9. We travelled down the valley 22 miles. Dr. Sparks and I fished along the river and came up to the waggons late at night where they had camped on the left of the road near the river, and about 7 miles below the fork

coming in on the right. We crossed this fork about one mile above its mouth. There was no grass there.

Friday, Aug. 10. We travelled with the Hebron, O. Co. about 17 miles and lay by between the road and river. The grass is pretty well eaten off. We are three miles above the mouth of a Canon.

Saturday, Aug. 11. In three miles we came to the forks of the road. We took the left and kept down the river, which we crossed four times and came through the canon. The first crossing was only one mile from where we had camped. The next crossing was two miles further. Bluffs closed in on the river and we crossed back to South side and came to 4th crossing in the canon. We took dinner here. The boys climbed to the top of the mountain on the North, and amused themselves in rolling rocks down into the river. We had come today, 7-1/2 miles.

The Hebron, O. Co. have a roadometer attached to one of their waggons, so we now (sic) exact distances, and not estimated as has been often the case. I caught two fine trouts here. In the afternoon we crossed the 4th time as before stated, back to the North side of the river and came into the valley. We crossed two creeks, the last and largest being 15-1/2 miles from (where) we lay last night. There is a good spring 1/2 a miles or a mile up the creek. We passed Cranor, Linville & Co. at the creek. We drove half a mile further and camped. From the first ford on this river to this point it is 59 miles. Whole distance 1409 miles. There is a bluff 12 feet high on the North side of the river, over wide deep water. Here the road turns across the bluffs leaving the river on the left. We learn it is 18 miles to the river again.

Sunday, Aug. 12. We fell in with old Col. Cranor's Company, intending to travel with them through. We took a dry, hilly and rather rocky road, ascending a ridge, in 8 or 9 miles passed a well on the left, in one or two more we crossed the divide to some springs. Kept down the Canon road, very rocky with deep sand, and rather dangerous for a few miles to a large rock on the right in the shade of which I sat and wrote up several days travel.

Near this place the road leaves the hollow and following the ridge for (a) distance, descends into the valley of the river.

I rode down the hollow along a horse path and came to the river one mile above the road and ford. Here I found Moore's part of the Jefferson City Company. The night before the Indians had run off twelve of their oxen. They were when I came up about starting their waggons ahead in charge of six men, and what cattle they had left, and the remainder of the men, I think six, taking one pack mule, were going up the canon in pursuit of the Indians and their lost cattle.

We learned afterwards that they overtook the Indians and killed one and wounded another. Some days afterwards I learned that on this same day, Monday, Aug. 13., as three footmen were travelling between the springs and the large rock before mentioned, and which we passed on the 12th, one of them, Peter Mills, from Iowa, lagged behind his comrades about 100 yards where he was killed by the Indians, an arrow having passed through his temples. The murdered man's comrades were Mr. Thoroughman, from Knox Co. Tenn., who told me these particulars, and Mr. Johnston, from either St. Clair or Henry Co., Mo.

We camped where the road came to the river, with very little grass. (I think this place is what is since called Gravelly Ford. Nov. 15, 1872) Dr Yates was camped near the same place, unable to go on as the Indians had driven off all his cattle the Wednesday before. Whole distance from Mo. R. 1427 miles.

Monday, Aug. 13. We crossed the river and I fell behind fishing. The river turned thro' high hills toward the West. Its general course above has been considerably South of West. In the canons its course is generally west. I caught two fine trouts which spoiled before I reached camp. I passed the Cranors, as we had become separated. Crossed the river back to the North side. One road goes down on the South side. Passed Dr. Vellman, and found our waggons camped on the left of the road close to the river bank. The waggons had made 18 miles. Mr. Sam'l. D. Lowell overtook us on Sunday, and being lame, travelled with us. We had passed him several days ago.

I had know this gentleman at Cain Hill, Arkansas and had done business for him at Rogers' Salt Works in the Cherokee Nation in 1833 & 1834. He was then a prosperous merchant. Now he was very destitute.

Tuesday, Aug. 14. We went five miles, found good grass and stopped to graze. Having caught some fine trout, we were glad to have a good dinner to share with old Colonel Cranor and his son Moses who came up with us. When their waggons came up in the evening we fell in with them, intending to remain with them. We travelled about five miles further and encamped near the "Hell Town Greasers" and others. A large valley makes up towards the north.

Wednesday, Aug. 15. This morning many cattle were missing, and several shot with Indian arrows. One had five arrows sticking in its flesh. Several Companies had lost oxen, but the Greasers (from Clay County Mo.) had suffered most. Neither Craynor's nor we had lost any.

My brother Jack and seven others from our company joined the Greasers and others in a hunt after the cattle and Indians. The remainder of us moved on about ten miles, passing a warm spring, to the point of the mountain on our right, where the river bears up to the mountain and turns through a cross

valley towards the West of North West, and camped on the left of the road near the river where some warm springs break out near the waters' edge. We lay by for our men to come up. Mr. Lowell left us this morning.

Thursday, August 16. My brother and the other Indian Hunters came up. They had had a very fatiguing tramp over the mountains on both sides of the river, and suffered much for water. They overtook and brought back six or 8 oxen but found no Indians. They had left the cattle and secreted themselves before our men came up. The cattle had not been driven off together, but one of two Indians had taken an ox and run him until he gave out or until they thought they were past pursuit.

We made a late start, crossed a stretch of 8 miles leaving the river several miles on the left, the road making a large curve off to the right. After striking the river we travelled down it 5 miles making this day about 13 miles. We camped between the road and river.

This night it was proposed that we commence travelling very early in the mornings. To this Mr. Linville objected.

NOTE: Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co. Cal. August 23, 1875.

The foregoing taken from notes made on the journey from Mo. to Cal. in the year 1849, enlarged and corrected, was written in Benicia Township, Solano Co. Cal. by myself, E. P. Howell. Since I last wrote in this book, I have removed with my family to this County and have become too blind to read or write. I am now near 72 years of age.

I now recommence my overland notes by the hand of my daughter Betty.

Friday, August 17. Four waggon started by daylight, leaving ours, Dr. Sparks' and Linville's two. We were moving by half hour by sun; and continued down the river, having a very extensive valley on our right, in the fore part of the day, and part of yesterday. When we came up with the other four waggon Mr. Linville drove to a separate place to noon. We stopped with the company. In the afternoon we took across a flat ridge, or high valley, leaving the river and a high hill on the left.

Having heard a rumor at noon that six Indians had been killed in the morning a mile below us, several of us kept down the river and found the Indian story a hoax. We (Wesley Handy and Myself) kept on down the river through the canon until it opened into a large valley leading up toward the North. (Tolerably good way through the canon came into the road and a little after dark came to the waggon on left of road and on back of river. The river had been sweeping around all day toward the North West.

Saturday, August 18. Started before day. Before noon we had passed round the elbow of the river pointing out toward the North, and dined on the left of road in a bend, near where the road leaves the river again. We had come about ten miles.

In the afternoon we took across the hills. (I Took up a blind ox.) Road dusty and heavy sand.

Aristippus Brown and myself came on ahead of the waggons and turned down on the river above the waggons. They had camped five or six hundred yards off the road on the river, having tolerable grass across the river. We made about 18 miles.

Sunday evening, August 19th. Mary's river (Humboldt) five or six miles below the head of an island, the river running nearly west, turning slightly to the right or north side of the river, although there is a road on the left side of the river and island, which comes down the river through the canon, and crosses the river in the canon. It is probably the nearest. Grass if pretty good, especially on the island, and south side. We are lying by since ten o'clock A.M. have come ten or eleven miles this morning.

Sunday, August 19th, 10 P.M. Started before daylight, river bearing round towards the West of South West. We saw waggons passing on the other side of the river, but whether they came down through the canon and crossed to the South side in it (as there is a road that way) or crossed above the head of this island on which we are camped, I do not know. We came to this place by ten o'clock A.M. and lay by the remainder of the day on excellent grass.

(Ed. NOTE: At this point the diary takes on a completely different appearance from that of the preceding pages. Instead of double-spaced format with the date to the left of each day's narrative, the text is now single-spaced with the date as a centered heading for each day's remarks. The grammar and punctuation are not as clear as in the previous pages.)

Monday, August 20th, 4 P.M. Warm evening. This morning at about two oclock our camp was awakened by a call for a Doctor to extract the head of an arrow which had just been shot thro the arm of a young man by the name of Chapman from South Ben, Pa. Dr. Sparks went to the camp of the Montgomery county Ill. Company or Merry Suckers where the wounded man had gone and attended to his wounds.

The young man and one other gentleman were packing and had camped in a mile of our encampment where two Indians had stole near their fire secured their four horses and were making off with them when Chapman discovered them, fired one barrel of a two barrel gun and received his wound. The Indian shot two arrows, the first brushing Chapman's head, and the second passing nearly through his left arm; so that

when the arrow was withdrawn the flint remained with the point protruding on the inside of the arm near the elbow. We started a little after day light, Dr. Sparks and myself followed the track of the Indian which Chapman shot at, for about two miles, but seeing no appearance of his being hit we left the trail.

The road bore round to the right, leaving the grassy bottom which was becoming impassable for waggons or horses on account of the Bull rush sloughs or marshes. Some miles further down the river seemed to spread thro these marshes or lakes. In six or eight miles we had passed round the Elbow of the river and sloughs to the right and began to bear round to the left, the road running pretty near South. The two forks of the river which forms this Island came together. We crossed the points or Bluffs on our right, turned down to the river and now have come eleven or twelve miles. The wounded man travels with us.

In the evening we traveled seven miles, the road bearing round towards the west, thro sage and sand. We camped a little way above some Bull rush and Willow Sloughs and pretty nearly opposite to where the road on the South side of the river ascends and decends (sic) a steep bank of Bluff near the river. An extensive valley leading out towards the South may be seen from this place and a canon or passage thro the mountains toward the West or South West.

Tuesday August 21st. We traveled down the river on the North West side. In a few miles the road forked and our waggons crossed the river; and nooned near the ford which brot them back to the North West side.

In the afternoon we crossed the river found some fine tartish red berries; growing on bushes not much unlike small apple or plum trees; probably wild currents (or yew?) having a little before ascended a second bank of the river in very heavy sand. We camped a mile below the bank on right side of river and left of road.

Robt. McGee and James Vanscoit stayed with us over night. We had traveled I suppose 18 miles. This day I saw much sighns (sic) of game. Elk Antelope &c. I saw several antelope and rabbits.

Wednesday Aug. 22. Started about day, took across a sage flat leaving the river and bearing round the mountains south. The River sweeps off towards the South and West.

(Red Wood Valley, Mendocino. Cal. Thursday, 22 1877
(sic) I recommence transcribing my overland
journey from Mosouri (sic) to California in 1849.
Mary writing)

Cane (sic) to the River again and nooned. have cone 12 or 14 miles, here we learned that with in a few miles, we should come to the forks of the road, one leading on down the river (the old road) to the Sink said to be 33 miles

from the fork, and the other bearing to the right and striking on the head of Feather River. We drove on 4 or 5 miles and encamped between road and River. Grass not good. We have made about 17 miles. Whole number of miles from Mo. river to fork of road 1500.

Thursday August 23. Started earley (sic) and came to forks of road took right hand, leading nearley (sic) due West to a gap in the mountain. A valley extending up toward the North in the midst of which arose a hay stack looking mound. The river and old road bore off S.W.

(This river down which we have been traveling so many days, and which I have been calling Mary's river, is now A.D.1877 and has been for many years called the Humboldt river.)

We came 10 miles to a patch of bushes on the right of the road, where we found a little bad water in a rabbit hole, two or three miles further came to a road turning off on the left to several weak springs on the mountain side about a mile from the road. Water tolerably passable.

We watered our stock with some difficulty, and continued up the hollow, 3 miles to the gap of the mountain, where we met Mr. Justice of the Platte Co. Mo. Co. who had been 60 miles a head. He gave us bad news respecting the road before us.

(This turned out to be the celebrated Lassen rout McGee's Co. from Ray Co. Mo. only three or fore days a head of us were the first to take this cut off. A.D.1877)

Mr. Rev. Zacariah Linvill his son and sone in law Mr. Day after some consultation turned their two wagons sound (sic) and went back to take the other road. We went on down a dusty hollow hearing N.W. and No over undulating hills until we come at about 1 o'ck in the morning to some wells of very bad water. We have traveled about 35 miles since morning - 15 to springs and 20 to wells.

Friday, Aug. 24th. We started at about 8 A.M. having a stretch of 25 miles before us to water. Our cattle have not had a mouthfull of grass since leaving Marys river, nor shall we find eny untill we arrive at the Black Rock boiling spring where we intend going this night.

Along here, several wagons and some valuable property is being abandoned on account of failing teames those having horses packing what they could, and such as have none carrying what provissions they can and footing it a head.

Before starting we gave our cattle some flower in water. We might have found a few bunches of grass for a few miles beyond the Wells and also a little on the mountain side West of the Springs we passed yesterday.

Our course bore nearley North and after getting out of the hollow and taking a sage or gresewood plain, it bore W.N.W.

After travelling 16 or 17 miles and having to leave one of our oxen we came to a perfect plane leading N.E. and S.E. with out any vegetation what ever. It looked very much like it had been the bottom of a lake except that it wanted banks. We were traveling toward the left hand pointing of a mountain after passing around which and bearing up north we came to the long wished for spring and grass about 8 or 9 oclock at night. We suffered some anxiety fearing that our stock could not stand so long a drive with out grass and a little water.

We had come 60 miles from Mary's River and one along the river without any grass what ever. During the last of this days drive we passed great numbers of dead cattle; and many still alive that had given out. This Spring is a large boiling Spring, having been sounded 250 feet without bottom. Some of our men came ahead of the Wagons, and found the water cool enough to drink, and their horses drank from the spring.

(Bettie is now transcribing my notes A.D.1877)

When the (Ed. note: word evidently left out here. Believe second word "the" should be "we" and an "it" inserted after "water.") came on the water was nearly boiling hot. The grass was not good; but our cattle went greedily to work and we went to sleep having much need of rest.

The earth is every where covered with a salt alkiline crust and in all the wells of water; the water is quite brackish. The hot spring water when cooled is the best.

Saturday, Aug. 25. Grazed and rested till about 9 A.M. and moved up the valley north about 5 miles to better grass; and camped near another large boiling spring or rather several near each other. There are numbers of wells along this valley from two to six feet deep; but the water is not good. Our next stretch is 20 miles with out grass, to Muddy Lake. There are many emigrants on this part of the road; and the same remark applies with greater force to most of our travel on Mary's River; where the road was often crouded.

Sunday, Aug 26 8 A.M. Thermometer at sun rise 40° Yesterday at from 1 to 2 oclock 86° Today for several hours 106° temperature of these springs one being a small one on the south 186° The large one on the East 174 and large one on the north 173° .

Monday, Aug 27, 12 Oclock noon. Yesterday Sunday 26 lay by till evening. Went to Church.

Started at about 4 P.M. Our course was almost in a direct line up the valley, nearer the right hand mountains -- north about 15° W. until we came to the point of the mountain on the right, then our course was north 3 or 4 miles to the valley where we camped. In 9 miles we had passed a Sulphur spring one mile on the left of the road. The water a little better than the warm spring water cooled.

About 6 A.M. on Monday morning we arrived on a little Creek with good grass; having come 20 miles at least.

Tuesday, Aug 28. 20 miles north of the last large Boiling Springs. At about 9 oclock A.M. left our encampment of yesterday morning came about one mile and the Company lay by for the day and we (our wagon) went on. This morning Dr. Sparks and John O. Chapman (who is nearly well of his wound) left the Co. to pack through to the mines.

The road in this valley turns to the S.W. the Elbow being a little back of our Camp of yesterday.

The valley abounds with rich grass and many fine cold springs, the water seems to drain back towards the hot springs which we have passed or probally throw a canon on the left of the road to Mud Lake said to be on our left a S.W. or S. course.

We met yesterday in this valley some U.S. troops from Oregon on their way towards Ft. Hall. The Indians killed one of their men Phinney Harrison on Sunday last and they killed an Indian.

We uderstand this is the southern rout to Oregon; but that we leave the Oregon road in about 70 miles and miss most of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The road bore out S.W. leaving the valley and take sage hill towards a range of Mountains on West -- passed an Indian sage fense for catching antelope.

Assended the mountain thro a hollow and on the top fed our cattle on grass which we had cut and hauled in about 8 miles from Salt Valley we had desended into an other small valley with grass but we saw no water. On leaving this valley we took up "High Rock canan" - having a good deal of grass nor was it very far before we came to some holes of water. Up the canan 3 or 4 miles we camped.

In passing up this canan (and it is difficult to tell which way is up.) we passed scenery on the grandest scale in most places the walls of rock rose vertically on each side many hundred feet. The general course of this canan is N.West 12 miles.

Wednesday Aug 29 evening. Thermometer this morning 1/2 hour after sun up 26° - noon the suns lower limb touching the horizen 64°.

We continued up the canon. In 3/4 of a mile we bore round to the north, and north west, and then back to the general course of the canan. In 1 or 1-1/2 miles we passed a large cave or rock house on the right.

We came about 5 miles and left the main canan which bore off to the left and kept up an other about 3 miles to a deep hold of water and took dinner.

In the evening we kept up the canan about 4 miles to a fine valley of grass and water 12 miles.

Thursday Aug 30 at morning camp. Thermometer at 3/4 hours after sun up and sun shining fair on camp; but instrument in

shade 22°. From the view from this place the country seems to be in general an uneven flat.

We left our encampment at 9-1/2 A.M. and kept up the valley west in one mile crossed the branch (which had been on our right) running east. It spread below and watered the valley we are leaving. In one half mile crossed a run just below fine spring. A little further on we entered the canon again which had closed in narrow, water running through it. This place for one or two miles was very rocky and the most dangerous road to wagons which we had passed. When through the bad road we found some fine springs and there nooned.

In the evening we come on 8 or 10 miles (have left the canon) and camped in a narrow valley thro which runs a small brook and had to turn back to get water and grass. We had come 12 or 14 miles.

There had been tolerably good grass most of the way but now it was much dried up 14 miles.

Friday Aug 31. Started early, came 2 or 3 miles and struck valley leading down N.E. in 4 miles we had come to top of flat ridge and there descended into a wide sage flat. In 10 miles we nooned. In 2-1/2 miles from noon we came to Dry Lake 2 or 3 miles in length by 3/4 or 1 in breadth very shallow and muddy. Water brackish went round north end of Lake and in 5 miles from noon had left the sage flat and entered a hollow in little mountains and found several good springs. Kept up hollow to its head water. 1-1/2 or 2 miles crossed divide and camped at two small good springs in the head of a hollow in 1/2 mile from the divide; grass tolerably good. Our general course had been west. We had come about 20 miles. After we came to camp a man belonging to the Peoria Ill. Co. died by the name of Jesse Jackman. At the foot of the Little mountains we found timber -- cedar and pine which continues.

We have not seen any trees before since leaving Warm Spring valley; except som quacking (sic) asps in High Rock canon. High mountains our our left.

Saturday Sep 1. In 1 or 2 miles we had passed the last encampments. We went down a rough hollow and across some very rough volcanic ridges and in 7 miles came to a large dry creek and nooned. No water.

In 5 miles further over tolerably good sage road we came to the first warm springs or rather to the branches. Passed Campbells Co. from Polk Co, Mo. a little way and camped 12 miles. Here I saw John Crisp and Alex Dunbar old acquaintances.

Sunday Sept. 2nd. Started early. In two miles crossed the last hot Spring branch. Came by forks of road. The old or right hand going more directly to the mountains and the left by grass and water in 6 or 8 miles came to good grass; but the creek had lately dried up.

We had crossed a perfectly flat plane as naked as a brick yard for several miles. In 4 to 6 miles from the first grass came to a small brick (sic) running muddy creek with lots of all kinds of good grass. With plenty of wild rye producing a great deal of the *Secale Cornutum*. We had been travelling generally, to day and yesterday a few degrees north of west. We had large mountains on our left, which here bore round to the right running north or a little east of the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the road bore round towards the north along the foot of the mountains. In 2 miles from the little creek we came to Plum creek, in 2 more to another creek and in 2 more to some weak springs where the road turns up the mountains.

We drove up 1/2 miles and camped at some small springs on the right of the road. We had had fine grass all the way in the valley on the right. We had come at least 20 miles.

Monday Sept 3rd, 11 oclock A.M. I am now on the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the spring from which the road begins to be very steep and continues about 1/2 miles to the top. The boys are gone with a butcher wagon from Indipendence Mo. With whom we have joined teams to get up the mountains. We started late this morning. Our cattle being in bad condition. We have now come about 1-1/2 miles. We crossed over the mountains about west; the coming down is not so long but would be rather worce to pull up that the other side, on account of the deep dust. We came down in west -- water on the left at edge of thick timber. We came on down the valley four miles & camped near the timber on the left - - water and fine grass. We have come 6 or 7 miles.

-- Recapitulation --

Sunday May 6 Left home.

Friday " 18 Crossed Mo. River

Friday June 1 passed Ft. Kearney.

Saturday " 9 Crossed S. Fork of Platt.

Monday " 18 Mr. Collier died.

Wednesday" 20 Passed Robidoux.

Friday " 22 Passed Ft. Laramie.

Saturday " 30 Crossed North Fork.

Wednesday July 4 Independence rock.

Tuesday " 10 Lay in South Pass

Thursday " 12 Pass Salt L. road.

Sunday " 15 Crossed Green River

Thursday " 19 Come to Bear River

Monday " 23 Took Greenwood cut off.

Monday " 30 Came into Ft. Hall road.

Sunday Aug. 5 Came to waters of Mary's River.

Thursday " 23 Left Mary's River

Monday Sept. 3 Crossed Sierra Nevada

Sept 12 Left Canan Creek

Tuesday Sept 4th. Lay by until 12 A.M. Came 2 or 3 miles down the valley, turned to the left thro heavy Pine timber and occasional sage patches with Cobbe (sic) stone road and descended a steep hill to Goose Lake; extending north and South probably 10 or 15 miles and 4 or 5 miles wide. We came to the Lake in about 6 or 7 miles from where we lay. We turned up South and in about 6 miles camped at warm springs on the left of the road 33 miles.

Wednesday Sept 5th. The road leads on South. In one mile the road from Oregon comes leads off in from the west from around the S. end of Goose Lake. In 5 miles crossed a little creek and in 8 miles came to another small creek and nooned. In evening passed a creek in a short distance, and by a very rough road, passed over a low divide from where the waters fall off south. On the first creek coming down from the mountains on the left, which we came to we camped turning up the creek 1/2 mile. We had come 5 or 6 miles since noon. 14 miles.

Thursday Sept 6. Crossed hill 1-1/2 miles and came down again on Canan creek on which we had camped kept down creek. 5-1/2 miles further crossed point of Bluff 1 mile and came down on an other fork coming down from the mountains and nooned 1/2 mile above north mouth of this fork. Granville O. Co. lay on main cr. who had their cattle shot by Indians last night. We got some of the beef. In evening crossed Bluff and came down on creek; and in a short distance crossed on other point of Bluff and again came down in creek valley which here widens and extends South; its general course being S.W. Came to and crossed creek. Drove a little way down and camped having come about 4 miles since noon. Our cattle very weak. Another road leads down from the Granville O. Cos. camp on the north side of the creek; the shortest and I think the best. 12 miles.

Friday Sept. 7th. Bore across a sage ridge N.W. or W. 4 miles to the creek again. The valley narrowed and in 3 or four miles more came to ford, turned below and nooned. In afternoon crossed the creek to S.E. side, the creek passing through a canon. Took a cross cedar and sage ridges, low and flat. Came down in the creek valley; passed not far from an elbow of the creek. Fine valley. Passed through it S. or S.W. Crossed an other flat sage ridge, came into this valley again and camped on the creek opposite a large high mound on the W. side of the creek. 14 miles.

Saturday Sept 8th. Started early, Road lead down creek S.W. fine road.

In 2 miles, road approached creek again running over mud and through Bull rushes. Without any Willows. In about 6 or 7 miles we turned an elbow of the creek; two large rocks the size of Hogheads on left. Bore west and then northward round to the west across a low rocky ridge and came into

valley again. Then up valley to a branch coming down from the hills on the left and nooned 10 miles. Timbered hills begin near on the left. In 2-1/2 or 3 miles we came to a turn in the creek; bearing the road round to the S.W. or S. across Bluffs. Keeping near the river. A warm spring of tepid water broke out under the bank. The valley narrowed down to a canan the road keeping down the creek on the S.E. side. Passed several springs in Canan & the canan widening; after passing some rocky road in 4 or 5 miles from noon we camped. The hills are all covered with pine and cedar. Some Indians were seen to day hovering about the road. 15 miles.

Sunday Sept 9th. In 1 miles acrossed creek to N. Side. We crossed 4 times more still in canan, with having pine rocky ridges on each side. We turned out early for noon on N. side, our cattle being quite weak, and roads very bad. Had come 5 or 6 miles.

We moved on again and in 3/4 mile ascended and decended a quite steep high hill and came down on the creek again, opposite a very high cliff on opposite side of creek; crossed a little below the cliff bore South -- crossed back and turned to the west. Camped on north side. 10 miles. We have been traveling alone generally since we left our company on the 28th of August.

Monday Sept. 10th Kept down the river or creek. Crossed a point of bluff with steep short hill to decend. Road and creek turned South, crossed creek in 2 or 3 miles and stoped for noon in about 8 or 9 miles.

In the afternoon we struck across a large valley -- (The canan opened into the valley about where we nooned) the river bending round to the right some distance from the road, Oregon road came in. We passed between two low pyrimidal looking hills. Took a right hand camping road down to the river and camped. Came since noon 8 or 9 miles. 16 miles.

Tuesday Sept 11. Started about 8 A.M. for 1 or 2 miles kept near the river. The river bore off from the road which kept on south for about 8 or 9 miles then turned S.W. and came to river again. This is very extensive valley. We bore off to right of road and nooned on river. Having come 10 miles. Moved down river 1 mile and lay bye.

Wednesday Sept 12th. Took mountains. Creek turning through a canan to the right. In 5 miles begun to decend. In 3 more nooned in a small dry valley. In 3 or 4 more decended bad hill to little creek running to the right. Crossed turned up valley and camped. 12 miles.

Friday Sept 14 Noon. On Wednesday 12th we had left the river which we have been calling Canan Creek. (Pitt River A.D. 1877)

We had ascended and descended a large uneven and pretty steep and long spur of the mountain. Had crossed a little creek with a very steep bank to ascend (sic), and camped in a valley on the left near a corps of U.S. Topographical engineers under the command of Capt. Warner -- Mr. Lawson of Lawsons Ranch in the Sacramento valley as guide. From them we have correct information of our whereabouts. The distance we have yet between us and the Sacramento Valley 148 miles and that it is a hard road to travel. Campbell's Co. is also camped here. We had come about S. or S.W. We had good grazing in the valley. This day we passed several black oak and white oak trees some with acorns on them. The first we have seen since leaving the lower Platt River I believe. Come 12 miles.

Thursday Sept. 13. Came into road again and found our old travelling friends. Handy & Co. just passing. Traveled on with them. Ascended a mountain. Crossed several very rocky bad hollows and nooned on a little creek running N.W. our course being thro'out this days travel east of south. Yesterday we saw several high peaks of mountains covered with snow. Among them Mount Shasta in the N.W. and Lawsen's Peak Southward (as I now think 1877) on the N.W.W.S.W. & nearly south.

We understand it is 135 miles from where we lay last night to Lawsons Ranch.

In the evening we came up a very steep rocky short hill and in a short distance came on good road. Ascended a long slope and on the flat top arrived at Camping ground, it being called 12 miles.

No grass but the dead bunch grass and water in spring on right of road. Here we overtook Hedspeth and Meyers' Co. and St. J. Mo. Co. (These Men Ben Hedspeth & Myers were with Freemont (sic) when skirting the eastern base of these mountains 1842 I think.)

Friday, Sept. 14th. Started in after St. J. Mo. Co. Myers Co. being before; bore up toward mountains on the left. S.W. 5 or 6 miles and nooned. We have had heavy pine and cedar timber all along since leaving the river. Fine summer grass all the way since crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains. In afternoon drove on about 6 miles into valley leading down S.W. and water.

Handy's stopped at first water we drove on 1-1/2 miles turning to left of road & camped near Neyers (sic) (Ed. note: believe she meant "Myers" here.) at fine grass and water. 14 miles.

Saturday, Sept 15th. Started in after Myers Co. Our course was nearly south. In about 8 miles came to water on the right; the road crossing the valley below where the water sinks.

Water courses down from the mountains on the right. Nooned a short time and drove on before Myers Co. 4 or 5 miles to a

valley and Lake and camped by Handys -- 12 miles. Course S.S.E.

Sunday Sept 16. I went hunting. Left the Lake on the right and for 4 or 5 miles went nearly east. then bore a little more to the south. Passed on the east of a small Lake Valley running south crossed high ground on the left of valley. Saw much Bear signs and also deer. Bore south and came to the valley at a small creek running into it. Fresh Indian signs. They had made a dam across the little creek and the water was still muddy in their tracks where they had been wading. Kept the valley on my right. It is quite large. Turned into the timber on the highlands on the South of the valley. Saw some elk signs. Bore S.W. towards a high naked mountain supposing the road ran on the east side of it. Crossed a large dry creek turned west up it to some large pools of fine looking water. Discovered I was mistaken in regard to the road passing east of mountain. Traveled west across foot and a long foot of mountain. And through a broken flat, bore a little north of west, then N.W. and north and came to road at dark. Road running south a little west. Took road. It bore S. some distance then inclined towards the S.E. until I came to wagons camped at a very Large Spring. Had come road 8 miles. The wagons had traveled this day about 14 miles and I about 30 or 35.

Monday Sept. 17. Turned off south over very rocky road. In 5 or 6 miles descended very bad steep rocky hill; and in 1 or 2 miles more descended an other but shorter, and came to one of the forks of Feather river on the left. The road bore off to the right leaving the river on the left. Crossed two large spring branches running to the left and in a mile or two descended an other very bad hill and ascended an other not near so bad and in 4 miles from where we came to Feather river we descended a gentle hill into a beautiful looking valley; but in fact generallyji a very deep bog covered with good grass and fine springs breaking out at the foot of the hills every where.

We camped near one large spring containing great numbers of fish 3 to 6 inches long.

We had come 10 or 12 miles thro heavy pine fir and cedar timber, which was especially tall and thick since we struck Feather river.

The valley seems to extend south Bounded on the east by mountains at the foot of which and on the left side of the valley runs this fork of Feather river some 1 or 2 miles from our encampment.

Tuesday Sept 18th. Rested and grazed until 9 or 10 oclock. Bore round the west edge of valley S.W.S. & S.E. 3 or 4 miles & then left the valley turned south a cross a ridge & descended a very bad rocky and steep hill in to a valley. To the valley it is 4 or 5 miles from where we lay.

Crossed thro the valley in a S.W. direction and in the middle of it crossed another and probably the larger Fork of Feather river Running towards E.S.E. It is a beautiful stream about one mile from the foot of the hill which we came down.

We drove to the timber on the South side of the valley & encamped not far from a big spring. Had come about 7 or 8 miles.

Wednesday Sept 19. Lay by. A. Wright and Myself hunted south and fell in on a creek 3 or 4 miles from camp, rapid and rocky running S.E. Wright killed a fine deer. Found Alder bushes on the creek.

Thursday Sept 20. Travelled Road run west and a little south. I left the road and hunted between road of yesterday & road until I came to the creek and took the mountains descended and recrossed the creek in a grassy valley. Kept near the creek the hills having closed in on it. Came to the road and in 2 or 3 miles to the wagons camped on the creek in a valley. They having come about 8 or 10 miles. Messrs. Burke & Veech stayed with us. W. Williams killed a deer. Cole also killed a fine Buck. Found nuts resembling Chink a pins. Found prickly Goose berries.

Friday Sept 21. We traveled west 7 or 8 miles up the valley and over uneven rocky road and down Deer creek valley and lay 1/2 or 3/4 mile below where the road comes in to the valley. The road comes into the valley having a small creek on the left running west and seeming to head up against the creek we lay on last night.

I had hunted first on the right of the road and J.W. Handy having killed 3 deer we carried them into a wagon; and crossed over to the mountains on the left. I hunted the mountain side (crossing two streams) thro much under growth, such as whortle berries, Goose berries and the nut resembling chink a pins.

I came down into valley found fine grass and water. Continued down until I came to the road and to camp. W. Williams killed a deer.

Saturday Sept 22. Kept down the creek. In a few hundred yards met an emigrant relief train. They had just butchered some beeves; and hung the meat on trees on the road side for the relief of the destitute.

We crossed a larger creek coming down from the north.

There are many high peaks of mountains around us. The tops being generly naked or covered with shrubbery. One on the South east has snow on it. The hills close in precipitously on a very narrow valley. The general course of the creek seems to be west.

The creek turned to the left. The road bearing upon the hills to the right. Very hill & rocky and several muddy brooks to cross; and short turns to make. Thro heavy timber

in 8 or 9 miles we came to a very little valley and branch. No grass.

In 3 or 4 or 5 miles further came to another valley 2 or 3 rods wide and little branch running south and camped and barbecued our venison. 1/2 miles before we stopped we passed four Elay County Mo. wagons who had found a good spring & some grass off the road to the left. 12 miles.

Sunday Sept 23. Came up the little valley a short distance and continued west a little south.

I hunted on both sides of the road. After an ascent of some distance the road decends a ridge, which finally becomes very narrow between two very deep hollows.

We nooned after coming 8 or 9 miles; and just before we came to the first very narrow part of the ridge we saw many oak trees.

We came 3 or 4 miles further and found very weak springs on both sides of the road, about 1/4 mile from it. Could not water our stock; no grass. We came on about 4 miles further and camped. No grass nor water.

Monday Sept. 24. Started early. In about one mile we begun to come into oak barrens -- the ridge becoming very rough and leadong on west. The country around looks immensely rough. In 3 or 4 miles further we decended a very steep hill with deep dust and some rock into "Deep Hollow" Rocky and uneven at the foot. The road turning up the hill again immediately.

In the hollow we left our wagon; and drove our cattle down the hollow 2 miles to water. We found some mountain grass and grazed our cattle until the afternoon. A man from the Shelby County Ill. Co. was burried.

We doubled teams and got up the hill. We left an ox from each team. We kept the top of the same narrow rough ridge 4 or 5 miles and camped and drove our cattle one mile down the hiull to the left to water and left them in canan. 8 miles.

Tuesday Sept 25. Decended into a deep hollow to the right and went up a steep long hill. Kept along on the south side of the hill, past many wagons turned over and broken down, bad road. Very hot. Kept along the top of ridge.

As dark decended a very steep hill into a hollow 50 or 75 yds wide. It is about 12 miles from where we lay. We drove our cattle to a creek in a deep canan to the left, one mile to water. There is an other creek to the right but it is too steep & rough to get cattle to it.

About midnight we started from this place and ascended a hill and thro not very bad, we doubled teams to the top, several of our cattle gave out road very rocky.

In 4 miles we had come down the hill into the valley of the Sacramento. We found a handsome creek of water at the foot which sunk in a short distance below.

It was the same we watered at in the fore part of the night. In 1-1/2 miles from the foot we crossed the bed of the creek

and by day light of Wednesday Sept 26, 1849 were three miles into the valley.

We with one yoke of cattle and Handy's with two. We came to Deer creek in about 8 miles from the foot of the hill, at about 9 A.M. and camped having a little grass 2 miles above Mr. Lawsons ranch. Come since yesterday morning about 24 miles. Here we felt like our journey was over."

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 828 - Margaret Jane MORELAND b 16 Oct 1828, Estill Co, KY
 Parents: Zechariah MORELAND & Sarah HENDRICKS
 m 1) John DAVIS 16 Aug 1846, Territory of Oregon
 m 2) Elijah Preston HOWELL 9 Dec 1851, Santa Clara Co, CA
 d 1884
 bur Old Cemetery, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

Margaret and John DAVIS had two children: Sarah Sophronia, b 1847 and Joseph, b 1848. They were raised by Elijah P HOWELL and Margaret.

1846 - Howell PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER, in E P Howell's handwriting:
 "Margaret Jane Moreland was married to John Davis, in the Territory of Oregon, by Judge Peter H. Burnett, on the 16th day of August 1846: And became a Widow, by the death of her husband in Butte County, California, on the 15th of August 1849." Judge Peter H Burnett later became the first Governor of the new State of California. He resigned the office in 1851.

1851 - The marriage record in the PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER:
 "Marriage Certificate of Married Parties. We Hereby Certify, That we were legally married by Rev. Jacob Gruell in the County of Santa Clara and State of California on the 18th day of December, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. Witnesses: (signatures) Elijah Preston Howell, Margaret J Howell."

Margaret's parents were Zechariah MORELAND and Sarah HENDRICKS MORELAND, and they evidently followed their daughter, Margaret Jane, to the West. They both died in Santa Clara County, CA, but the County Recorder does not have their death certificates.

Entry in Elijah Preston HOWELL's "Pictorial Family Register":
 "Margaret Jane MORELAND, b. Estill County, Kentucky, October 16
 A.D. 1828; father Zechariah MORELAND, mother Sarah HENDRICKS; 5 brothers &
 5 sisters, including self; Primary Education; Christian Religion; Married:
 Second, Dec.18th 1851, to Elijah P. HOWELL; Stature: Five Feet three inches;
 Weight: One hundred & Twenty-five pounds; Habit:Average; Complexion:Dark;
 Color of Hair:Black; Color of eyes:Blue; Health:Average; Place of Death:Redwood
 Valley, Mendocino Co. CA; Place of Internment: Redwood Valley Cemetery."
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Notes for Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL-383

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1852 - Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL b 19 Sep 1852, Benicia, Solano Co, CA
 Parents: Elijah Preston HOWELL & Margaret Jane MORELAND
 m William Franklin JAMESON 27 May 1877
 d 14 Feb 1922, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA
 bur 16 Feb 1922, Old Cemetery " " "

1852 - Entry in Howell PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER reads:
 "Nancy Howell, b Solano County, California September 19 1852, Scottish Descen
 Father: Elijah P Howell; Mother: Margaret Jane Moreland; Education: Primary;
 Date of Marriage: May 27 1877 to William Franklin Jameson; Stature: Five Feet
 Five Inches; Weight: One hundred & thirty pounds; Habit: Average; Complexion:
 Fair; Color of Hair: Brown; Color of Eyes: Grey; Health: Average; (and I fill
 in the following blanks from the obituaries below) Date of Death: 14 Feb 1922
 Disease: Heart failure caused by severe bronchitis; Place of Death: Redwood
 Valley; Age: 69 years, 4 mos, 25 days; Place of Interment: Redwood Valley
 Cemetery, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA."

1877 - Mendocino Co Marriage Records, Bk 2, pg 435:
 "JAMESON, WILLIAM F to NANCY HOWELL
 Resident of Anderson, Mend Co Resident of Redwood, Mend Co
 Age 40 Native of KY Age 24 Native of CA
 27 May 1877 at Redwood Valley, Mend Co
 By J C Simmons, Minister of the Gospel
 C C Wright, resident of Ukiah,)
 C T Silberhorn, resident of Redwood Valley) Witnesses"

.....and in Apr 1991 Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son, sent a copy of the
 complete Marriage License and Certificate filed with the County Recorder.
 It has essentially the same information as above, couched in more flowery
 and eloquent language.

1878 - Franklin Preston b 1878 (SEE his Notes)
 1886 - Thomas Marion b 1886 " " "

1922 - Sent to me by June McCloud, Researcher, Mendocino County Historical
 Society in Ukiah, CA, 9 July 1990: From Book 9 Deaths, pg 194:
 "JAMESON, NANCY - Born Sep 19 1852 in CA
 Died Feb 14 1922 at Redwood Valley, CA, Aged 69 yrs, 4 mos, 25 days
 "Female, White, Widowed, Housekeeper; Father: E P Howell, b VA;
 Mother: Margaret Jane Moreland, b N.C. (wrong - KY)
 "At place of death 42 yrs; in California, Life.
 "Informant: Tom Jameson, Redwood Valley, CA"

1922 - In Apr 1991 Frank Brown, son of Vivien Jameson, sent me a copy of
 the Death Certificate from which June McCloud excerpted the above.

1922 - Also sent to me by June McCloud, same date as above:

"UKIAH REPUBLICAN PRESS, Feb 22, 1922, Pg 8 Col 3 -

"PEACEFUL END CAME TO A GOOD WOMAN

(Contributed)

"Mrs Nancy Howell Jameson, widow of the late W F Jameson, died at her home in
 Redwood Valley Tuesday afternoon, Febraury 14.

"The immediate cause of death was heart failure superinduced by an acute attack
 of bronchitis. Deceased had been sick about three weeks.

"Nancy Howell was born near Benecia, Solano County, CA., Sept 19, 1852. Her
 early life was spent in Solano county. In the early seventies she moved with
 her parents to Redwood Valley where she resided on the old Mike Thomas place,

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which her parents purchased.

On May 22 1877, she was united in marriage to William Franklin Jameson and they lived happily until his death in June 1921.

Came to Redwood Valley

After their marriage they made their home in Anderson Valley for two years, returning to Redwood Valley in 1879, and residing on the old Mike Thomas place one year and then for eleven years on the O N Tibbetts place. In the fall of 1892 they purchased the present home, and have resided there since. The husband preceded the wife to the grave some eight months ago.

Two children, Frank P Jameson and Tom Jameson, both of Redwood Valley, a sister, Mrs J F Roberts, of San Jose, a niece, Mrs Joe Weselsky of Ukiah, a cousin by marriage, J R Jameson of Ukiah and several nieces and nephews in various parts of the state are left to mourn her loss.

A Christian Woman

The deceased was converted and joined the M. E. Church South in early girlhood and has been a devout member ever since. During many years she was very active in church, league and Sunday School work. She was always ready to help nurse the sick and help the poor.

After the death of her husband of so many happy days she felt her mission in life was completed and did not fear death but rather welcomed it as relief from bodily pains. She felt there were happier days ahead where she was sure to meet her husband and her God.

The funeral services were held from the family residence at two pm Thursday, Feb 16. The remains were interred in the Redwood Valley Cemetery. The Rev H J Graves conducted the services."

1922 - Also sent to me by June McCloud, same date as above:

(NOTE: This is enclosed for the record and for her descendants even though it contains some serious errors.)

"UKIAH REPUBLICAN PRESS, Feb 15, 1922, Pg 8, Col 3: FINE WOMAN DEAD

"Mrs Rachel (NOTE; this is a major error: they mean "Nancy") Jameson of Redwood Valley, lovingly known to neighbors and friends as 'Grandmother' Jameson, died at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs Jameson is survived by her husband, W F Jameson (NOTE: impossible, because he died in 1921, as indicated in the above obit), and a son T M Jameson. She was a pioneer resident of Redwood Valley and her death will be mourned by many friends. No arrangements had been made for the funeral last evening. Death is said to have been due to an attack of la grippe."

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 1837 - William Franklin JAMESON b 15 Jul 1837, KY

Parents: (father's name unknown) & Nancy HOWARD (b CA)

m Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL 27 May 1877, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, (

d 22 Jun 1921 Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

bur Old Cemetery, " " " " "

 1884-85 - from McKenny's 8-County Directory, Mendocino Co-Calpella, 1884-85,
 "Jamison, (sic) W F, hop-raiser and farmer."

This area of California was known for raising hops for many years. The neighboring town of Hopland was named because of this distinction. The Jameson family was well-known for their expertise in this crop; in fact, Tom Jameson wrote a long article on hop-raising for one of the local publications. Ethel and Tom Jameson in Redwood Valley have the original hand-written copy and a typed copy of this article.

1910 - U S Census for Ca, Ukiah City, Supv Dist No 2, Sheet No 40B, Mendocino Co, Ukiah Township, 2 June 1910, Enum Dist No 68, Line 51:

"Dwelling No 388, Family No 397 -

 "JAMESON, William F, Age 72, Married 33 yrs, b. KY, father b. KY, mother b. KY
 Occupation Farmer; Home Owned & Mortgaged; Farm.

 " Nancy, wife, Age 57 Married 33 yrs, Mother of 2 living children,
 b. CA, father b. VA, mother b. KY

 " Thomas, son, Age 23 Married 0 yrs, b. CA, father b. KY, mother b. CA,
 Occupation Primary Teacher,

 " Rachael, Dtr-in-law, Age 18, Married 0 yrs, 0 children, b. Wash,
 father b. Wisc, mother b. Wash."

Found the following in the California Historical Society Library in San Francisco 24 Jun 1987: HISTORY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY - Addenda Section - p 715: "William Franklin Jameson...born in Kentucky in 1837. Leaving his home in 1856, he joined a wagon train headed for the California gold fields. He rode a mule all the way, being numbered among the hunters for the wagon train. After living some 20 years in Napa and Sonoma Counties, he homesteaded a mountain claim in Anderson Valley, Mendocino County. In 1877 he married Miss Nancy Howell, daughter of Major and Mrs E. P. Howell of Redwood Valley. Nancy was a native daughter of California, having been born in Benicia. William and his wife moved from Anderson Valley to Redwood Valley in 1879 and acquired the present Jameson homestead in 1892 where they resided until their deaths in 1921 and 1922.

Their 2 sons were: Franklin Preston Jameson, b. 1878;

Thomas Marion Jameson, b. 1886.

Tom married Rachel Daly in 1909. Their children were:

Rachel Marian (Wright), b. 1910

William Le Roy ("Pokie"), b. 1912

Thomas Lester, b. 1914."

1921 - from June McCloud, Researcher for the Mendocino County Historical Society in Ukiah, 6 July 1990:

"UKIAH REPUBLICAN PRESS, (Wed) June 29, 1921 - Pg 8, Col 6: "W F JAMESON BURIED- LIVED TO RIPE OLD AGE - W F Jameson, a pioneer resident of Redwood Valley passed away at his home last Wednesday evening at the age of eighty-three years eleven months seven days. Deceased at one time lived in Anderson Valley but had resided in Redwood Valley since 1879. A sorrowing wife, Mrs Nancy Howell Jameson, and two sons, Frank P and Thos Jameson were left to mourn his loss. The funeral was held at the Redwood cemetery Friday morning with J E Moor preaching a beautiful funeral sermon. Deceased belonged to the old school and was a type of sterling manhood a community ever mourns when claimed by death."

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1921 - (Same source) 9 Jul 1990: Mendocino Co Book 8 of Deaths, Pg 1103: William Franklin Jameson, Male, White, Married, Spouse, Nancy Jameson, July 15, 1837, KY, d June 22, 1921 at Redwood Valley, 83 yrs, 11 mos, 7 days; rancher; father: don't know; Mother, Nancy Howard, b CA; at place of death, 41 yrs; In CA 65 yrs; Buried June 24 1921, Redwood Valley, CA, undertaker: J W Eversole; informant: T M Jameson, Redwood Valley, CA."

1921 - In Apr 1991 I received a copy of the Death Certificate itself from Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son.

Frank also commented that he knew almost nothing about his great grandfather, William Franklin Jameson, other than he was said to have lived in the house on East Road in Redwood Valley where his son, Thomas Marion Jameson, later lived with his wife, Rachel, and their family. Frank remembers seeing pictures of William Jameson with huge pumpkins, and said that he was told they raised fine crops of asparagus in the back yard.



Jessie Roberts, dau



Center of group: Elizabeth Howell, (r)her husband, Rev John Fletcher Roberts, dau Mary



William Franklin Jameson



Nancy "Nanny" Howell

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1878 - Franklin "Frank" Preston JAMESON b 3 Mar 1878, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: William Franklin JAMESON & Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL
 m Margaret Ellen "Maggie" MOTT 1911/1912
 d abt 1948

1911 - Virginia b 19 Oct - In Jun 1990 Tom and Ethel Jameson said Virginia was living in Sacramento but had no further information. Frank Brown, Vivien's son, wrote in Apr 1991 that Virginia had married Jim BENNETT; 2 children:

James Lee b 22 Feb 1931 (lives in Redding)

Shirley b 20 Apr 1932 m 1) David Hamilton FUNK; son David Jr b 16 Jan 1967
 m 2) Richard BEYERS (b 29 Mar 1919); son Michael b 6 Jun 1954

1914 - John Wesley b 20 July, Coyote Valley, Mendocino Co, CA;
 m Ella ZIMMERMAN (b 8 Feb 1918); 2 children:

John Wesley b 20 Sep 1938,

m Judith Gail CLARK (b 9 Jul 1940) 9 Nov 1957; 4 children:

John Anthony b 29 Sep 1958; Debra Lynn b 19 Aug 1959;

Susan Gail b 31 Oct 1960; Robert Preston b 26 Mar 1962

Roger Preston 22 May 1941

m 1) Cynthia Joyce CARLEY (b 26 Feb 1951)

m 2) Diane June PREAMER; 3 children:

Mark Preston b 12 Nov 1964; Michael David (Preamer)

adopted, b 31 May 1968; Elizabeth Jo-Anne b 13 Jul 1979

Roger Preston is said to be a preacher in Myrtle Creek, OR

1917 - Vivien Clarice b 12 Oct (SEE her Notes)

1919 - Roberta b 22 Jul, m 1) Wallace LEEDY; 3 children:

Janice Marie b 2 Apr 1940, Red Bluff, Tehama Co, CA

Jacqueline Gale b 9 Mar 1942 " " " "

Geraldine Vivien b 6 Jun 1943, Sacramento, Sacramento Co, CA

m 2) Kay PEARL 2 Oct 1944; 2 children:

Denniece Kay b 12 May 1947, Chico, Butte Co, CA

Merrilyn Roberta b 2 Dec 1948, Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, CA

(Kay PEARL adopted the 3 LEEDY children; they took his name)

In 1942 Thomas Marion Jameson wrote to his cousin Reuben Box: "....Frank's youngest girl, Roberta, has lived at Cottonwood several years. We called on her, too, but I understand she has moved to Dunsmuir as her husband, a R.R. brakeman was transferred...." In 1990, Ethel and Tom Jameson said Roberta was raised by another family and they knew nothing about her. Information from Frank Brown indicates that Roberta used the name PLUMMER as her surname. This appears to verify the information above that she was raised by someone other than her Jameson parents. He said that although Roberta corresponded with his mother, Vivien, he never met her. He didn't think Virginia or Wesley knew her either, as she seemed to have been adopted as a child. The last he knew she lived in Modesto, CA.

From MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY, by

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Page 2: "Before World War I times were hard in the valley. There was very little work in the winter time, outside of wood chopping,

Page 3: "and there was a run on taking up homesteads so people would have a place to live. All the good land was homesteaded already, so there was only a forty acre lot here and there that the first homesteaders did not want, and people filed on those odd lots. There were several of these small homesteads on the ridge east of Redwood Valley for there was a road on top of the ridge that

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as used to haul manganese ore that had been mined there, and in that way people had access to their property. At that time no one cared if you went through their property to yours. You probably knew them anyway. These places were known by the homesteaders' names after they had been abandoned; such as the Frank Jameson place..It was poor soil on these claims, as they were all near the top of the mountain. The homesteaders all starved out and the people who owned the property around them either bought them out, or they bought the place for taxes after it was abandoned. There are signs of where these places were and there will be for a long time to come-- a few broken bottles, an enameled dishpan with a big hole in the bottom, and some rusty cans. "The Frank Jameson place had some of these signs where he and his wife Maggie raised three girls, Vivian (Mrs Frank Brown), Roberta and Virginia, and a boy, Wesley. Maggie must have loved flowers for there was a clump of flags (iris) near the spring where they got their water. "Frank Jameson would have been very proud of his grandson, Professor F H Brown, who was chosen with just eight others to visit China this spring of 1975. He is a professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Utah, and has studied the rocks that were brought from the moon."

Same source as above, page 18:

"We were visiting Tom Jameson, Jr, and he was reminiscing about different old-timers. He brought to mind a Sam Holliday who was still here when I came to the valley. Tom said one time during prohibition, Holliday saw Frank Jameson in front of the postoffice in Redwood Valley and hollered at him, 'Hey, Frank, I got the mash all ready. Come over and we'll run off a batch.' Frank had a still, and by all indications they had made whiskey before."

1938 - Frank Brown sent me a copy of Maggie's death certificate which gives much information about her. A few excerpts: Margaret Ellen MOTT, b 8 Feb 1886, Shasta Co, CA; 52 at time of death, Housewife; Father Williams MOTT, b NY; Mother Nancy HETTLER, b CA; Information from Commitment Records, Mendocino State Hospital, Talmage, CA (same place my grandmother, Elma Howell Box died) d 13 Dec 1938, Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

1991 - Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son and grandson of Frank Jameson, recalled some of his memories of his grandfather in an Apr 1991 letter: "Frank Jameson, my grandfather, was evidently a free soul, not bothering about family...My mother said that all of the children became wards of the state at a very young age except for Wesley (John Wesley) who stayed with his father. Again according to mom, they lived in a homestead high in the hills northeast of Redwood Valley. I once hiked up to the place, and found a house in bad repair next to a spring with a few old fruit trees that fit her description reasonably well. It is not too far up in the hills if this is the place, and is situated behind what were later vineyards of Louis Lucchesi and Charles Barra near the end of Road J. As for Frank Jameson, he made some pocket money by playing a fiddle at dances in the valley, but was more often found camped somewhere in the hills with his sawed off shotgun and gigs for salmon. Mom visited him once that she remembered and said that she washed his clothes and tried to make things better for him. My uncle, Harold Brown, told me that he saw Frank Jameson heading across the fields with his shotgun later in life because someone had taken up with his girlfriend. What became of that I don't know. Frank Jameson evidently also made some money at odd jobs such as pruning fruit trees, because I was told that he lost an eye while pruning peaches. If family lore is correct, he is buried in Eureka, CA"

1942 - 20 Jan letter from Thomas Marion JAMESON to his cousin, Reuben BOX:

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"...My brother Frank is near here now, though he stays most of the time with son Wesley. Wesley lived for several years in Lassen Co., but recently he has moved to Field's Landing near Eureka, Humboldt Co. He is married and has 2 ni boys..Frank's oldest girl, Virginia, lives at Redding near you. Her husband, Joe Swaffer(?) has charge of the stock and garden at the Shasta Co Hospital at Redding. We had a short visit with her last July on our way to Ashland, Or. It is just too bad Uncle Andy (HOWELL) is not at the Redding instead of the R Bluff Hospital. She would be so much company for him.....Whenever you are around Redding go to the Co. Hospital and ask for 'Billy.' Virginia is better know by that name than her own or her husband's, and tell her who you are. I know she would be very glad to see you..."

1990 - per Tom and Ethel Jameson 25 Jun 1990, Franklin Preston Jameson died i the State Hospital at Talmage.

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Franklin Preston Jameson
1886 -8yrs old

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- 1917 - Vivien Clarice JAMESON b 12 Oct 1917, Manton, Tehama Co, CA
 Parents: Franklin Preston JAMESON & Margaret Ellen "Maggie" MOTT
 m 1) Peponi "Joe" CECCONI (b 1 Jan 1911) 4 Nov 1932,
 Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA (div)
 m 2) Francis Edward BROWN (b 26 Mar 1917, d 15 Dec 1976)
 Reno, Washoe Co, NV
 d 25 Jun 1980
- 1938 - Jo-Ann CECCONI b 15 Aug 1938; m 1) David BOSCANO; 2 children:
 Johnny Wayne b 7 Dec 1958; Deborah Ann b 13 Apr 1962
 m 2) Ross TURNEY 16 Aug 1968, Reno, 2 ch:
 Chris Lee b 29 Dec 1971; Michele Ann b 14 Mar 1977
 Jo-Ann d Nov 1987.
- 1943 - Francis "Frank" Harold BROWN b 24 Oct 1943; (SEE his Notes)
 m Theresa Ann BAUHS, (b 15 Jan 1951) 20 Oct 1973, Redwood Valley, CA
 2 children: Erica Joy b 8 Jul 1976
 Elise Bauhs b 27 Feb 1980
- 1947 - Raymond Dean BROWN b 13 Jan 1947; d 27 May 1988
 m Margaret Jo COFELT (b 19 Jul 1946) 14 Jun 1968, Brookdale, CA
 1 child: Heidi b 30 Mar 1982
- 1948 - James Edward BROWN b 8 Oct 1948; d 18 Mar 1991
 m Ann Love OLIVEROS (b 11 Jan 1947) 26 Nov 1977, Crockett, CA
 2 children: Sarah b 6 Sep 1983
 Eric b 12 Jan 1988
- 1955 - Patricia Audrey BROWN b 8 Sep 1955
- 1991 - Apr 7 letter from Frank Brown, Vivien's son, gives a vivid description of the events and circumstances in Vivien's life:
 "Vivien Clarice Jameson told me that she was born Clarice Vivien Jameson, but hated the name Clarice, & so used Vivien throughout her life. She knew that she was born in Manton (Tehama Co, CA; near Mt Lassen), and that she was related to the Mott's in the northern part of the Sacramento Valley. I do not know when Frank Jameson moved his family to Redwood Valley, but she went to primary school in Redwood Valley, walking down to the valley from their house in the hills on Mondays with Virginia and Wesley, staying with the Thusen's (who lived where the Kerns later lived in Redwood Valley...) during the week, and returning 'home' with her siblings on Friday. She was always very reticent about her mother, but I gained the impression that Margaret Mott ended her life in the mental hospital in Talmage (east of Ukiah). (NOTE: Confirmed by Death Certificate later sent to me by Frank) With a husband like Frank Jameson, that is not too surprising. In any case, as I noted, the children became wards of the state. She spent her early life in various foster homes: with Mrs Shelley in Ft Bragg, CA (this lady had a son Billy with whom mom remained in contact); with a family named Silva in Newman, CA (northern San Joaquin Valley); and with the Sorensen's, a Danish couple who lived on either A or B street in Hayward, CA, and had a large chicken farm. Just how she returned to Ukiah and met Joe Cecconi, I do not know, but I do know that for a time she attended Ukiah High School and lived with a Mrs Baker not far from the school. During this time she worked at an outdoor restaurant near the fairgrounds. She learned much about Italian cooking, and also a good deal of Italian from 'Noni' Cecconi (Joe's mother) who was an immigrant from Milan, and lived in Ukiah. Joe and Vivien had one child, Jo Ann Cecconi (my half sister), and shortly thereafter they
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divorced. She met my father (Francis Edward Brown) while working in the City Bakery in Ukiah, and they were married in Reno. After their marriage my father was called up for service in World War II, and she stayed with my grandmother (Brown) on West Road in Redwood Valley, where I must have had my earliest years, but do not recall them. When he returned, they bought a house in Ukiah (662 Hazel Avenue) and lived there for a while (until at least 1947, because I remember being charged with care of my baby brother and let him roll off the couch.) Then we moved to Redwood Valley, renting a house from my aunt Martha (Naumann, nee Brown) in a lovely grove of Douglas fir trees northeast of the railroad crossing on Laughlin Way (the spot was called Homewood Grove). The house is still there, but was remodeled by my father (a carpenter) in the 1950's. Around 1948-49, my father purchased a piece of land from my grandmother on West Road in Redwood Valley, on which stood the old Grange Hall that was built above a winery. He tore down the Grange Hall, and built the house where we grew up on the old foundation, enlarging it somewhat. There was a large slab of cement (about 20' x 150') left from an old chickenhouse that blew down in about 1930, and on this my father erected a shop, woodsheds, a chickenhouse (more modest than the original), and a barn for our milk-cow. Both my parents lived in this house until they died. The family consisted of: Father, mother, Jo-Ann, me, Raymond, James (Jim), and later Patricia. We kept cows, chickens, and geese, had a vineyard and walnut orchard, raised a considerable vegetable garden, and had blackberries galore in the creek in late summer. Later my father bought a parcel of land across the road where we ran a couple of cattle a vineyard on Road E across the valley, and the adjoining piece of land south of our home so that the whole place stretched to the railroad tracks. My father was a carpenter and cabinetmaker who built many homes in and around Ukiah, so much of the running of the 'farm' was left to my mother and the 'kids.' All of the 'kids' knew mom much better than pop, but essentially nothing of her family. She often said that she had what she always wanted as a child -- a place to call her own from which she didn't have to move."

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1943 - Francis "Frank" Harold BROWN b 24 Oct 1943, Willits, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: Francis Edward BROWN & Vivien Clarice JAMESON
 m Theresa Ann BAUHS 20 Oct 1973, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

1976 - Per information in MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY by Ray Shultz (1976) p3:
 Frank Jameson would have been very proud of his grandson, Professor F H Brown,
 who was chosen with just eight others to visit China this spring of 1975. He is
 a professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Utah, and has
 studied the rocks that were brought from the moon."

1991 - In response to a "shot in the dark" letter to Professor Brown at the
 University of Utah Department of Geology and Geophysics, he sent pages of
 genealogical information on his branch of the Jameson family and expressed
 interest in receiving information on the Box side of the Elijah Preston Howell
 family. This is the kind of reply genealogists dream about, and I am most
 grateful to him for taking the time to send such detailed information.

1991 - A subsequent letter gave the following very interesting
 autobiographical sketch:

".....I was born in Willits, CA (Frank Howard Memorial Hospital), lived first
 in Ukiah, and then Redwood Valley, I attended elementary school at Redwood
 Valley (the old school, now torn down), and then Ukiah High. From 1961 to 1965
 I studied Geology at the University of California, Berkeley, and remained there
 (1965-71) for my Ph.D. in the same subject. As an undergraduate I was a member
 of Cal crew, and collected many T-shirts before they were in fashion.
 "In 1965 a visitor from the University of Chicago (Francis Clark Howell, Prof.
 of Anthropology; a relative?) stopped in the potassium-argon dating laboratory
 of Dr Garniss H Curtis and asked if there was a graduate student who would be
 willing to work in Ethiopia for him. As a result, I traveled to Kenya in 1966,
 where I stayed with Louis and Mary Leakey, and then drove to the northern
 border (via Nakuru, Kitale, Amudat [Uganda], Lodwar, Lokitaung, and Todenyang)
 and crossed into Ethiopia at Namuruputh with a young Kenyan assistant
 (Christopher Muthoka Mukoma). My young assistant was far more homesick than I,
 so I sent him back to Nairobi, and hired a young fellow by the name of Atiko
 Akiru from the local tribe (the Dasanetch) to help around camp. After a bout
 with malaria and a final week with virtually no food, I returned to Nairobi and
 the U S with a bag full of rocks for dating, few clothes, and a love of the
 northern deserts of Kenya. In 1967, the International Omo Research Expedition
 (IORE) began its work in the lower Omo Valley where I had spent the previous
 summer, but this was a massive venture with French, American and Kenyan
 contingents. The French group was under the direction of Camille Arambourg who
 had been to the Omo Valley in 1931 and made the place known. The American Group
 was headed by F Clark Howell (still at the University of Chicago, but later
 moved to the University of California, Berkeley). The Kenyan Group was headed
 by Louis Leakey's son, Richard. The French and American teams worked in the Omo
 Valley from 1967-1974, but the Kenyan team began its marvelous finds at Koobi
 Fora, east of Lake Turkana in 1968, and no longer took part in the IORE. I was
 a part of that effort every year but 1970 when I stayed behind (reluctantly) to
 finish my dissertation. In 1971 I became an Assistant Professor of Geology at
 the Univeristy of Utah, and in 1973 I married Theresa Bauhs who I met while she
 was working as a secretary in the department. We were married at 'home' in
 Redwood Valley because my father was having difficulties with his health. The
 field work of IORE ceased when the government changed in Ethiopia in 1974 (we
 had a good deal of difficulty getting out of the country at that time, and
 rested easy when we crossed the border into Kenya), but laboratory work
 continued (and continues) on samples collected earlier.

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"In 1975 I had the good fortune to be one of the members of a scientific and cultural exchange with the People's Republic of China, and spent a month traveling through that country (Peking, Taiyuan, Sian, Chengchow, Anyang, Nanking, Shanghai, Guilin, Canton, Hong Kong) looking at sites of early man. Following this, I made a short visit to the sites of Java man with Les Freemar (U of Chicago) and F Clark Howell. In 1976, Erica was born, I was promoted to Associate Professor, and I stayed closer to home, working in southern Utah. During the summers of 1977 and 1978, though, I found myself in Libya for short periods at work on the Pliocene fossil site of Sahabi, located about 120 miles southeast of Agdabia.

"1980 was a good year --Elise was born, I was promoted to Professor, and new work in the Lake Turkana region of northern Kenya began. By this time, Richard Leakey had become the Director of the National Museums of Kenya, and, as his geologist had quit, asked me to finish the geology of the Koobi Fora region for him. Although Koobi Fora itself has been completed, the area of interest has expanded every year so that I have spent the past ten summers trying to make sense of the whole region. I met Dr Ian McDougall (Australian National University) in 1981, and we have collaborated on dating of these sites since that time. In 1983 our whole family (Theresa, Erica & Elise) spent six months in Canberra (Australia) where Erica attended first grade. In 1984, Theresa visited me in Kenya for a month, when I had the pleasure of showing her the country where I had spent so much time, and also taking her to Nariokotome in Turkana where we had discovered a nearly complete skeleton of 'Homo erectus' about 1,600,000 years old. My two daughters came with me to the field in 1988 and 1989, and learned to survive in the African bush. I took up the job as Chair of the Department of Geology and Geophysics here in 1988, having served as acting chair for the spring of 1985. In 1990 I spent a short time between winter and spring quarters in Pakistan (near Rawalpindi), and then worked on the site of Nihewan (China) for two weeks in June, followed by a six-week stint in Kenya. That is enough on this subject -- I know too much about me to know when to quit or what to leave out. You can get some feeling for the work in a book titled THE HOMINID GANG by Delta Willis."

(NOTE: I, for one, am delighted that he didn't 'know when to quit' or 'what to leave out.' My only regret is that he didn't include more of his fascinating life, and can only hope that he will relate some of his adventures in a book of his own someday.)

In another paragraph of this same letter he mentions that Meg, the widow of his brother Raymond, and her daughter, "... Heidi, joined Erica, Elise and and myself at the end of the field season in Kenya in 1989 for a whirlwind trip through some of the game parks in Kenya (most of which I had not seen)."

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886 - Thomas Marion JAMESON b 3 Mar 1886, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: William Franklin JAMESON & Nancy "Nanny" HOWELL
 m Rachel DALY (b 1891) Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA
 d 1976/1977, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA

1901 - An excerpt from Tom's diary was sent to me by his daughter, Rachel Marian (JAMESON) WRIGHT 15 April 1991, and because of the insight it gives into the lives of this Redwood Valley family, I herewith quote the entire excerpt:

"...I went hunting this evening, and killed a jack rabbit and a cottontail. The cottontails are good to eat butwe feed the jacks to the dogs and chicken. Mr Mosier and boy who is staying with him came down here this evening. I wrote them some letters. Mr Mosier is a very interesting talker. Although he can not read very well, he is well informed - his children having read a great deal to him. I am pretty tired, having worked hard.

"Thursday, March 14, 1901 - I chopped wood for Mr Mosier today. I worked very hard and cut one cord. It was very hot today. There was no frost this morning. Frank did not work on the road today as they have not got enough hands yet.

"Papa plowed today. We all feel well, I am very tired though. Elmer Toney (a friend of mine) was down here this evening to tell Frank that they would work on the road tomorrow. He is attending school. There are about twenty scholars. The teacher is Miss May Thomas.

"Mother had a visitor this evening - Mrs William Tyndall.

(NOTE: The next paragraph was of particular interest to me for obvious reasons, so I have copied it exactly as written, even though there are many misspelled names and sometimes confusing relationships. I think the fact that a 15-year-old boy knew as much as he did about his family and was interested enough to write it in his diary is quite remarkable.)

"I wrote a letter to my Uncle Andrew Howell, who works in the mines near Butte City, Montana. Now as I have time I will put down all of my living relations and their ages as close as I know; uncle & aunts & first cousins) Thomas Warren Jameson & wife (Hamlin Ky) Martha, Elyhus and John Fletcher Roberts age 60 (about) Elizbeth Roberts (Howell) age ? Alice age 16, Jesse age 12, Mary.

"Martha Harrey (Howell) Dan Harrey and 12 children, Fall River, Shasta Co, Cal.

(NOTE: This refers to the Dan HANEY family, not "Harrey")

Allie Watson & Mary Watson (Howell) ages Emma Howell Watson Age 15
 Sam Box & Elma Box (Howell) ages 60, Ara age 16, Rheuben age 13, Elizbeth, Andrew. Wm Howell age Andrew Howell"

"Friday, March 15, 1901 - I worked for Mr Mosier today - chopped about two thirds of a cord. It was very sultry today and I quit about four o'clock as I felt bad. There was a slight frost & heavy for last night.

"I went up to Mr Mosier's this evening and talked a while. Father burnt brush and cut out a road for the fence today. Mother went and seen Yulla this morning. She was very poorly. Mother is tired out. Father feels well. Frank did not come home tonight so I guess their cook came."

"Saturday, March 16, 1901 - I went to town today with father. I bought me a suit of clothes. It is diagirial (sic - ?) cloth, paid seven dollars for it. I received some newspapers this morning - "The San Francisco Call" and Pacific Methodist advote (sic). I also got some pamphlets through the mail. Father purchased some groceries and horse feed..."

(NOTE: In an Apr 1991 letter, Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son, mentioned there might be a little more history in a document that his Uncle Tom wrote called a history of Redwood Valley, but he does not have a copy. He thought perhaps Tom and Ethel Jameson might have one, but I don't believe so because Ethel and I went through three drawers full of family memorabilia and pictures

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in 1990 and she lent me all pertinent data and pictures to copy. Frank also thought Tom and Ethel might have the diaries which he knew Thomas Marion kept all his life, but the above excerpt answers that question: Marian has them and is willing to share the information.)

1906 - Graduated from Stanford University according to Frank Brown as well as Tom and Ethel in Redwood Valley.

1909 - Tom married Rachel DALY, b 16 Dec 1891 in WA; d 4 Sep 1956 in her home in Redwood Valley, and was buried 8 Sep 1956 in the Ukiah Christian Cemetery.

1910 - Rachel Marian b 22 May (SEE her Notes)

1912 - William LeRoy "Pokey" b 7 Apr, m 1) Virginia MUSTARD (div)
(lives in Willits) m 2) Ruth ANTON; 1 dau LeRay or Leza:
LeRay/Leza m Gary SMITH (they live in Fort Bragg)

1914 - Thomas Lester b 12 May (SEE his Notes)

1942 - Jan 20 letter from Tom in Redwood Valley to Reuben BOX:

"Dear Reuben: Your welcome letter received several days ago, but I have neglected to answer it as it seems like we have had company or some appointment every night since then.

"I was so glad to hear about Uncle Andy (Andrew HOWELL) and I have written to him. We had completely lost track of him for several years.

"Your sister Ora paid us a surprize visit just three days before I got your letter. We had such a nice visit with her.

"My children, like yours, are all grown up, married, and are on their own. They are 30, 28, 26 - in fact as all their birthdays are in April or May they will soon be a year older.

"The girl (Mrs. Willard Wright) lives in Vallejo. Her husband works for Uncle Sam helping build war ships at Mare Island. They were up over Sunday. They can not come so often since the war, as he works 2 shifts at times. He works at night so he sleeps most of the day.

"My oldest boy, Roy, is a truck driver for the Associated Oil Co. in Ukiah. His wife is a bookkeeper for a laundry. They have a nice home on the Western addition of Ukiah. They have been married 5 years and have no children.

"The youngest boy, Tom Jr, is the proud father of a 2 wk old son. They have been married nearly 3 years. His wife until recently was Secretary to a Title Co in Ukiah. I gave them a lot and they built them a nice home near us. Tommie did most of the work himself. It was all completed before they were married.

"Our girl has been married 15 years and has a 14-year-old son, so I am an old hand at 'this GrandPa business.'

"Both boys were in the 1st Draft, but were Classified in 1C. The oldest boy may be reclassified now, as his wife works and he has no dependents.

"My brother Frank is near here now though he stays most of the time with his son, Wesley. Wesley lived for several years in Lassen Co., but recently he has moved to Field's Landing near Eureka...He is married and has 2 nice boys.

"Frank's oldest girl, Virginia, lives at Redding near you. Her husband, Joe, has charge of the stock and garden at the Shasta Co. Hospital at Redding. We had a short visit with her last July on our way to Ashland, Ore. It is just too bad Uncle Andy is not at the Redding instead of the Red Bluff Hospital. She would be so much company for him.

"Frank's youngest girl, Roberta, has lived at Cottonwood several years. We called on her, too, but I understand she has moved to Dunsmuir as her husband, a R.R. brakeman, was transferred.

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Whenever you are around Redding, go to the Co. Hospital and ask for 'Billy.' Virginia is better known by that name than her own or husband's, and tell her who you are. I know she would be very glad to see you.

We have been going to Oregon almost every summer for short visits - sometimes only 4 or 5 days, as our time is usually limited. The last 2 years we went up the Pacific Highway and returned the Redwood Highway. Before that we travelled the Redwood Highway mostly as it is so much cooler in the summer.

We stopped last year to see the Shasta dam.

We have spent the majority of our July 4th for several years in Oregon or southern Washington as nearly all my wife's relatives live up that way.

We had planned to go at least every year now since her Father & 3 brothers live at Ashland, Ore, the nearest they have been in over 20 years. But with war conditions, travel seems doubtful this year.

Her (family) owns a sawmill near Ashland..have been in the business many years, usually staying for 3 to 5 or 6 years in one place depending on how the timber lasts. Their last location was at Myrtle Creek, some 150 miles north of Ashland.

My boy, Tom Jr, works in a sawmill at Calpella, too. He trucks logs part of the time. At present they are logging.

I was quite interested to hear about your son's adventures in the War Zone. I can realize how relieved you were when you heard he was ok...

I am on my 29th year as a Rural Mail Carrier, but under the present law I cannot retire until I am 63, which is some time yet, and I would have to retire at 65, As long as my health is good I have no desire to retire until I have to. Your cousin, Tom."

1958 - 10 Dec letter in Aunt Anita's scrapbook from Tom in Redwood Valley to Anita & Reuben at Christmas:

"Dear Reuben & Anita: We are having the nicest weather I ever remember for December. It was 72 today. It was 84, 85 and 80 3 successive days last week. We have fog or clouds almost every night, so there is little frost. Of course we need more rain, but it isn't really dry here. We have had around 3 in. The grass is growing nicely and it is moist enough to --?--.

"I went down to my Grandson's at Hayward for Thanksgiving. Marian & Willard came up from Ridgecrest bringing the turkey and most of the dinner with them. We all had a nice time together. I plan to go down to Ridgecrest for Xmas. They are planning a trip to Arizona.

"Well, us Democrats came into our own at last in Cal. They made almost a clean sweep - Frank Jordan for Sec'y of State is the only R survivor. The Senate will be 27 to 13 and will be 28 & 12 as Senator R Collier is going to change his registration to D after Jan 1st. The assembly will be 47 to 33. The last figures I saw, Brown had passed the million mark and Engle 700,000. The final returns ought to be in any day now. We elected Miller to Congress by some 20,000 majority from this district. I didn't work much for him as his election was a foregone conclusion just like Brown's and Engle's. I did work hard for State Senator... Slattery is a Lake Co pear and walnut grower. He was over to see me twice before the election and came over to thank me after the election. Lee Trowbridge gave us a hand. I put up his signs and got people to put on windshield stickers. I got a lot of my R friends to vote for him.

"I went down to a dinner at Ukiah for Pat Brown. Slattery was with him. Brown stood up with him and had their picture taken together, and then urged everyone who was going to vote for him to vote for Slattery, too. The R's were brought down to size in the rest of the country, too.

A very happy Xmas and New Years to you both. Your cousin, Tom"

1990 - Per Tom and Ethel Jameson 25 Jun 1990, Thomas Marion Jameson was first a teacher in Covelo, then a mail carrier.

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From MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY, by Ray Schultz (1976), page 14:

"Thomas Jameson, Sr. is an old-timer in the valley, and he is the oldest man I know here in (the) Valley. His father, William, rode a mule from Kentucky to California in 1856 as a hunter for a wagon train going to the gold fields. "Tom was born in 1886 in Redwood Valley on the property now owned by Plywood Fabricators, across the road from the garage. His folks later moved to the place south of the Shopping Center which Tom owns and where he still lives. With his wife, Rachel, they raised three children: Leroy, who now lives in Willits; Thomas, Jr., of Redwood Valley; and a daughter, Marion, who is married to Willard Wright, and lives at Ridgecrest. Tom, Sr. taught school for a time and then was the rural mail carrier for about 38 years. He was a good mailman and on time with his delivery. If you wanted some stamps, you did not have to wait long. He would be along at about the same time every day.

"Rachel died in 1956, and Tom is retired now to his iris and vegetable garden. He doesn't drive a car anymore, but walks like a young man up to the store to get his paper."

NOTE: Following page 16 there is a picture of the Jameson home in Redwood Valley, the caption reads: "Jameson home - Redwood Valley, 1912-13 L to R: Tom Jameson, Sr., Rachel (Mrs Tom) Jameson holding Roy, Marion in front, Nancy (Mrs Wm) Jameson, William Jameson. Tom Sr. is now the oldest man in Redwood Valley, 1976."

1991 - In Apr 1991 letter from Frank Brown, Vivien Jameson's son, he relates his memories of Thomas Marion Jameson:

"He graduated from Stanford in (approximately) 1906, was a schoolteacher in Mina (Mendocino Co, CA) for a time, and later was the postmaster and mailman for many years. He was active in the local church, and well known to all in the valley - he also knew all about everyone in the valley, for the local joke was that mail was always late because Tom had to read it first. He collected irises of every variety, and had a wonderful lot of them growing in front of his house.....My mother was reasonably certain that he was killed (or at least beaten, tied up, and left to die) by members of the People's Temple, who later were responsible for the horrid happenings in Guyana....His wife, Rachel Daly, was the person who was reputed to have Indian ancestry."



Tom & Rachel



Tom, Marian & Leroy - abt 1918

TOM JAMESON

I was born and raised here in Redwood Valley. It's never changed, the foundation of this house. It's a big house, more needed. My wife has been dead nearly twenty years and I'm a widower all that time so I didn't need much room. I've lived most of the old-timers. I'm 89 years old.

My father, W. F. Jameson, didn't come out here till '56. He was old enough. His folks wouldn't let him. They wouldn't let him when he did but he come anyway. His father and mother loved him for miles. He promised he was gonna make a stake here years and come back. He was from Kentucky. But he never got back. They never saw their fair-haired boy, like most of them. They didn't make the stake and if they did, they spent it the same way. Money come easy, so easy.

My father resided in Sonoma and Napa counties for about 20 years before coming to Anderson Valley. He and mother came to Anderson Valley in 1879 and moved to our present place in 1892. My father came through Calpella in 1858 and was caught on a Jury there, as it was a temporary County seat. In 1859, Ukiah defeated Calpella by one or two votes for the County seat.

Grandfather Howell was a Forty-niner, settling in Benicia. He came from Missouri, riding on horseback. He was a hunter for the wagon trains. My mother was a Native Daughter of the Golden West, a very early one. She was born down near Benicia.

There wasn't any town to amount to anything in Redwood Valley. It's not even incorporated now. (LAUGHS) Just a little grocery store. There was nearly always two stores. It got up to three once and then one failed. But it's not very much different. Of course it got to being a lot smaller population but Redwood Valley was never any size. The name of Redwood Valley came from a stately bunch of possibly a dozen redwoods, ten to twelve feet in diameter, which were growing on a ranch. Some of the stumps remained for years before being removed.

Let me picture for you the beautiful Valley the first settlers saw. The Indians burned over it every year so there was no brush, only the larger trees. You could drive a wagon all over the valley to the hills and wild oats grew as high as a man's head. Only the river bottom land was covered with a dense growth. The mountains between Redwood and Potter Valleys were infested with grizzly bear. Panthers and eagles were common. Deer were very plentiful. There were many discarded Elk horns but no elk. Grey squirrels and quail were common, and some grouse. Foxes, raccoons, ringtailed cats were numerous and there were some mink.

Most of all the early settlers had Indians they kept on their

places. One day Mr. Mallory was out on a hike with one of the Indians and he spotted an eagle. He prepared to shoot but the Indian begged and begged, "that he not shoot or else I die." Mr. Mallory went ahead and shot the eagle. The Indian made a dash for home as he aimed at the eagle. When Mr. Mallory reached home he found the Indian in bed, very ill and he later died. He had worked himself into a state of illness through fear and superstition.

The Indians used to wash for us. We had one Indian named Tom Jameson. He spelt his name the same way I did. He used to wash for my mother. He cut wood and he was a good chopper. Those Indians, they were different from the white man. They cut up wood with a cord. It was supposed to be eight feet long and four feet high. That Indian always put it up two or three inches over four feet when it was green. It would still be four feet when it dried. That's old Tom. But he had one grievous fault. There was a rancheria about three miles north of Ukiah. Pinoleville, they called it, back off the road. He'd go down Saturday and stay over Sunday there. Those Indians were too smart for him. They tricked him. They'd get all his money. Pretty nearly every Sunday he'd come back and have to start in again. But he always paid us. He was as honest as could be.

I remember old Tom come into our place. He said he was going over to Lake County. He was going to leave here. "We have too many Tom Jamesons around here." That's the reason he gave. He drank quite a bit over there. He didn't seem to drink when he was here. He got over there with those Lake County Indians and he disappeared. We heard the report that he was drunk and they threw him into Clear Lake. Well, we don't know what happened but anyway, he disappeared.

You see, the Indians very often--it didn't come in our case--but a lot of these Indians, they took their names after the people they lived with. And of course sometimes they named them...Some of those old timers (LAUGHS) saw a pretty Indian girl. You know, they'd fell 'em. There's no question. And in a lot of cases they took the name anyway.

I was born up here, right where the new town is now. The building was there for a long time but it was torn down finally. There was a man named Tibbets owned the place and my father rented it from him for 20 years, I think. And they got along fine. He was a very good renter. He'd fix up anything that my father asked to and my father always paid the rent.

The places were large. 300 to 400, up to 1200 acres or more. Most of the early settlers came here primarily for stock raising, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. Some of the land was homesteaded.



Redwood Valley, circa 1912. Tom Jameson Home. Left to right: Tom Jameson, Sr., Rachael Jameson, Leroy (baby) Jameson, Marion (child) Jameson, Nancy Jameson, William Jameson. (Jameson)

ed but most of the East side and part of the West, including all of the river bottom land, was in the Yokayo Grant and was bought by the settlers for \$2.50 an acre from McGarvey and Doolan. Co. The big redwoods, the first settlers found, were used to build houses, barns and fences. They cleared the river bottom land and raised hay, grain, corn and gardens. They planted apples, pears, blue plums and mission grapes and a little later hops. At one time there were four hop kilns in the Valley. And at sometime almost all the river bottom land grew hops. When the Thomas family came in 1872 they planted prunes, yellow plums, peaches, Laughton blackberries and supplied the Valley and Ukiah markets.

The first grapes were planted by Dennis Quinlevin and A.J. Seward and Louis Finney. Some of these original plantings are still bearing. Louis Finney planted the first seedless grapes, having beautiful vines and scarcely any fruit, until he was taught to prune this particular variety. After that he got bumper crops. A great many prunes were planted in the 1890's. Most of them were taken out in a few years. Pears were planted heavily about 1900. Many were taken out later on account of blight. The Silverthorn ranch had about 80 acres of Bartlett pears. Heavy planting began about 1906 of grape plantings, mostly Zinfandels.

Early Redwood Valley was a very religious community. There was a Sunday School every Sunday in the old Redwood Valley School. Dr. J.R. Thomas, of the South Methodist Faith

and the Reverend Mark Howard, of the Baptist Faith, preached on alternate Sundays.

We had a panther bothering us here. Panther, you would think they exist, this is a rural country. Screamed, right out there where my house is now! We heard him scream. We had company there that night. Some of the ladies from the church knew what it was but I didn't dare tell them. Horse and buggy days. They had their surrey, buggy out there and that the screaming like that. I didn't dare. They never would get over. They say a panther is not dangerous when he screams. They never scream till they're leaving. But people don't know that. They were dangerous. When they got heavy snow on the hills they'd come in and be dangerous.

Often, as the early settlers sat around their fireplaces at night, they were startled by the blood-curdling shrieks of panthers. Mrs. Grauth, getting up early at the break of day, was their custom, went out on their front porch and looked down towards the river and saw seven panther at play. Boys coming hunting at night had their dogs tree panthers many times. In the 1890's Fred Trank, a twelve year old boy, was out squirrel hunting and his dog treed a panther on their home ranch. He proceeded to shoot at it with his .22 rifle. It jumped out and the dog treed it again and again. He kept shooting until he finally reached the vital spot. Once it was just about to leap at him. About the same period Cap Thompson, another twelve year old

father under similar circumstances, on North Big Liver
hed of Reeves Canyon. Both boys, for many years, had
with skins. They prized it very highly. It wasn't too good a
omad to get it in the winter when the fur was good.

at you know, I was born and raised here all my life and I
knew till I was maybe 40 or 50 that this mountain between
and Potter Valley is infested with grizzly bear. Very few
knew that. The grizzly bear is a terrible thing.

the early settlers, about a dozen in the Valley then, had to
the stock locked up in small houses with long roofs at
in order to keep the grizzly bears from getting at them. But
the grizzlies managed to break in and sieze the sheep or pig
or goat. They never killed their prey but started to eat it as
as they caught it, dragged it along as they ate. After going a
distance they became gorged and lay down to sleep. The
settlers never dared to go out at night but in the morning, when
the grizzly was missing, they would notify all their neighbors and they
gathered themselves together with trained dogs and follow the
tail of the grizzly. The dogs would soon bay him and the
settlers, whom were crack shots, would fire in turn with their
rifle loaders until the bear was killed. The operation was
repeated until after a few years they rid themselves of the terror
grizzly.

the grizzly bear, well, of all the bear tribe they're the
most dangerous. They never retreat. If you meet one in the road,
run in the way. He don't give you the way or he meets any
animal he don't give them the way. He won't give way and
the animals know it too. And they are afraid of 'em. We had
different boys here that killed a grizzly. We didn't have these
guns like we have now but we got past the old muzzle
loaders they had cartridgea, thirty-twos. They had a long
barrel, a brass hull on it. They could get shorta, longs, or
longs. And they got those extra-longs and they were good
for a hundred yards. Some of those old-timers were such
shots a hundred yards was good enough.

when they killed panthers with those, even a panther.
If you tree him with dogs he'll jump out before you get up
any a time when I was a young fellow we treed 'em.
We won't stay there till you get to the tree. There was a lot of
trees here in those days. They'd go up those fir trees, way up
to the top of 'em. But before you got up to the tree they
would jump out. Of course, if they ever got hold of a dog,
at the end of the dog but they didn't usually get ahold of
that's an interesting thing. A panther would go up in the
different kinds of trees, oak trees, but he won't say
g. He won't let it be known. You think he's so big that
see him but you won't. He'll kind of flash off into the

two different fellows told me that they were looking and
that panther was just getting ready to spring on 'em.
He killed them or badly hurt them if he had. They saw it in
They were great marksmen. They didn't have smokeless
rifle but a close distance shell. They were good shots. A lot of
settlers had a rug made out of where they killed the panther.
Cow Mountain is the mountain that's east of us here, when
you go to Ukiah all the way along there. These mountains up
Laughlin Peak's about 3,000 feet and Thomas Peak is only
2,000. But Cow Mountain is about 3,500. And Lake County
is on the other side of that. Well, there's no road through there,
at all. There's kind of trails, horse trails. You can go part
but there's nothing to build a road for there. I guess they
won't, unless gold would be struck, something like that.
prospected for gold. They never found any. You wonder

why they called it Cow Mountain? Well, in those days every
settler that come, the Forty-Niners, usually they brought with
'em a cow. Everybody had a cow. But they'd usually only bring
one. Well, this guy he come and he brought two or three cows. He
thought they'd need them. And so they once named it Cow
Mountain.

Maybe you heard of Joel Starkey? Joel Starkey was a big
stalwart fellow. He stayed all night at our place many a night. He
didn't have much money but he'd come there along about five
o'clock in the evening and we'd always invite him to stay all
night. We had an upper room there and stairs, a place where you
could stay and eat, at least. He got implicated in one stage
robbery with a fella that was older than him. He was just a
growin'-up boy. When they made it up at "Uke", the Redwood
Valley people went down to the judge, Judge J.Q. White. They
made it up with him, that he would let Joel off easy. Then when
they asked him for his plea, he said he pleaded guilty! So then the
judge couldn't let him off. (LAUGHS) Even if he wanted to, he
couldn't. Joel was inexperienced, he was only eighteen years old.
He pled guilty for being in such company. This fellow was 22 or
23 years old, named Martin Coop. He had really planned the
robbery. Joel had went in with him. So they had to give him time.
Well, he got the shortest time. He got out as quick as he could.
He was a boy that didn't have hardly enough to eat when he was
growin' up. That was his talk, though I don't know. He must have
got something because he made a very stalwart man. But he was
noted for being cowardly. A big strapping fellow, kinda trifling,
you might say. But we never turned him away. He became a kind
of a fixture.

Joel pleaded guilty and they sent him to San Quentin. Joel
always spoke of it afterwards as the time he went to Congress.
He stayed at our house many nights (LAUGHS) and would start
about the time he went to Congress. He'd tell us about the
different things. He said they gave him the run of San Quentin
down there as much as they possibly could. They trusted him.
They realized it was a mis-slip. He was quite a character.

Doc Standley I met. J.M. Standley it was. Standley Street's
named after him in Ukiah. My father introduced me to him. He
was one of our famous sheriffs. Him and Ralph Byrnes. He come
from over on the Coast. The Byrnes over there is an old family. I
knew him exceedingly well because I went to high school with
him.

Ralph Byrnes was one of our famous mile runners. He wasn't
a famous student though (LAUGHS), like a lot of those athletes,
you know. But he was a very shrewd sheriff. He figured out some
cases well. He sent the man to San Quentin finally, I don't know
whether they hung him but he murdered his wife, something like
that, and he covered up his tracks. But Byrnes figured it out and
he figured it out right! Because he was really a sleuth! I
supported him, always, because I went to school with him and he
was really a fine sheriff. Doc Standley, he wasn't a doctor at all.
They called him Doc Standley. They asked him one time how he
happened to get that name. "Well," he says, "I would say that I
was a Doctor of Hard Knocks!"

When I was a growin'-up boy—every night at midnight on the
Fourth of July and even Christmas and I think Thanksgiving
even—they'd shoot off an anvil, they called it. At midnight! It'd
wake you up. It makes a tremendous noise. And that happened. I
can remember being woken up by it. It was a custom and thought
it was good. (LAUGHS) Kids did. Usually do. Along with Santa
Claus.

I've got pictures of my father. He wore a beard as most of

men did in those days. He was a sheep shearer, that is, he was a farmer, a rancher, but he sheared sheep. He was considered a very good sheep shearer. They sheared the sheep twice a year, then, spring and fall. He didn't shear a great number but he sheared 'em good. He didn't cut the sheep much and he got down and got all the wool which them other fast shearers didn't do. They'd either cut 'em pretty badly or they want pretty high; you know, left part of the wool on there.

My father sheared for years and years. They were partners, Gilbert and McGuire, where the Ridgewood Ranch is up here. They were the first millionaires in Mendocino County. The other shearers had an organization and they kicked about my father and another fella, Fuzzy Hopper, who sheared with him. They sheared exactly the same number of sheep day after day. I think my father averaged 50 sheep but pretty close to 60. Some of those shearers sheared a hundred.

When I was a schoolboy in 1892 to 1900, there was six months of school, from March to November. There were no bridges over the rivers or creeks, in fact the bridge across Forsyth Creek on the stage route to Willits was practically the only bridge in the Valley. The school children walked the floodgates when the creeks were up. The roads were low, no gravel and about a foot of dust in the summer and the same depth of mud in the winter. The railroad bridges across Russian River were built in 1899 and the County road bridge north of Calpella shortly after. There were four schools: Occidental, near Mineral, present Calpella school site; Calpella, later Forsyth; Redwood and Mineral Springs. The few who went to high school either boarded or "batched" in Ukiah, rode a horse or bicycle or drove a horse and buggy. Still in the period from 1896 to 1904, Redwood Valley sent some top-knotch athletes to Ukiah High School, including John Finney, who held times of four minutes forty seconds in the mile run and two minutes four seconds in the half-mile. Dr. J.R. Thomas, sixteen and a fifth seconds in the 120 yard hurdle. For many years the United States high school record. The Ukiah High School Track team really put Ukiah on the map when they defeated the strong Berkeley and Oakland high school teams several times in the period from 1899 to 1905. They were State Champions in 1900 and 1902. In 1904 Ukiah beat Oakland in the Northern California Amateur Athletic League, 66 to 58.

Ukiah High School then only had a hundred kids. I graduated in 1905. There was only a few classes before that. They began in the first class. The Class of 1900 had a bigger class than they'd had for a long time or they did a long time afterwards: twenty-some odd. They thought that was a monster class. For Ukiah it was at that time. Only two high schools in the county; the other one was in Mendocino City. Well, if you've been over these Coast roads, they're not much better yet, there wasn't any communication. We met them every other year in a track meet and we usually got the best of them because they didn't practice at track meets, while we did. We got on the railroad here and we went down to Berkeley and met all those teams down there and Santa Rosa, but it was a very difficult job over there. Out they come once a year and played with us a track meet and a baseball game. They stayed overnight here.

I went to Stanford. I only went two years. I was in Stanford during the big shake, the 1906 earthquake. I'd have stayed longer at Stanford but you've heard of that quake. We had to get out two months early that year. That's the Big Shake, we called it. No earthquake has begun to compare to it since then. We had to come back. Unfortunately or fortunately, I met this little gal in the meantime. Changed my plans, you know. (LAUGHS) And it

wasn't a misfortune. She was wonderful. She was a great beauty. She was a wonderful worker too.

I was a history major. I intended to be a high school teacher. I took a county examination down here to become a teacher. I believe I got a hundred per cent in some of the things. I was very good in Mental Arithmetic. It helped me out. You see, as a teacher you have to average eight-five per cent. They don't you off with seventy-five. I didn't get too much over eighty-five. I got eighty-seven or eighty-eight.

I taught school almost five years. I've always regretted mail job come up, a chance for a mail job. I wanted to wait another year so I could get my life diploma then. But the man don't wait (LAUGHS). It don't wait. It was a good job and never regretted it. But I always did regret that I didn't get life diploma. I needed one more month.

I recall in April or May, 1909 I was teaching in the Summit Valley School. It was sixteen miles north of Covelo. I went through Eden Valley on horseback in the company of Bert Tyson - a Mendocino boy - who was teaching another Round Valley rural school. We had saddle horses from George Purcell, Covelo livery stable man, to ride to Ukiah to Teachers' Institute. The County had a ferry across Middle Eel River. There was a bridge then and it was muddy with a volume of water from melting snow. Tyson and I had great difficulty getting our horses off the apron of the ferry into the Middle Eel River. We could blame the horses as it looked like the ferry crew was dumping off about the middle of the river. It was so muddy you could see how deep it was. However, we were across the really deep water.

The road after leaving Eden Valley crossed the west flank of the San Hedrin Mountain and the South Fork of Eel River what was known as Traveler's Home then, just south of Hearst. We stayed at Simond's on South Eel River and then went on to Ukiah to the Teachers' Institute the next day.

I also remember making the trip from Redwood Valley to Summit Valley earlier that same year, around March 25th. I left Redwood Valley early Friday morning riding the caboose on a freight train to Sherwood Valley, the terminus of the railroad. There I took the Eureka stage which had four horses and a driver. Laytonville. There we all had supper at Mrs. Helms'. The stage went on to Eureka later that night and I stayed all night at Mrs. Helms'. I took the Round Valley stage the next morning at eight o'clock. It was only a buckboard and I was the only passenger. We had a big umbrella for cover in the spitting snow. We got to Covelo about four in the afternoon after "nooning" Poonkinney. Brad Perry of Summit Valley was waiting for us with a saddle horse. We soon began to climb the mountain. I went up hill some fourteen miles to Summit Valley. We went through spitting snow into heavy snow which was six inches deep by the time we reached Summit Valley at eight that evening. How good Mrs. Perry's warm dinner and coffee tasted. I had been on the road two entire days by train, stage and horseback to travel miles. How times have changed!

I remember I used to like to go to political speeches. I do now. But I don't; I'm eighty-nine years old and my hearing's got to be bad. But William Jennings Bryan. You know he was one of the most wonderful speakers that ever lived. You couldn't believe he had a carrying voice that you didn't need an amplifier. I could hear him. When I was at Stanford University, Bryan came there to speak. And Dr. Jordan, he had a good voice himself. President at Stanford, he was a Republican himself but he wanted Bryan to come and speak. And Bryan came and spoke

and sit in the very last row of that big auditorium and hear
 orde said. Then the other speaker would come up and
 old introduce him and all you could see was his lips move.
 dn hear him at all. Bryan had that voice. He ran three
 th Presidency and was always defeated. But he had a
 al vice and not only that but he wrote some fine books. I
 ne his books he wrote. He not only had a voice but he
 ty. He should have been President.

andra Duncan, a famous lady there, was a little bit of a
 didn't weight a hundred pounds, stooped and bent but
 a tremendously fine cook. She was a great church
 Sh taught the beginner's class in the South Methodist
 or 10 years, mind you. She had been a miner's daughter
 us and was a carpenter. He built most of our house, the
 iv in now. Granma Duncan was hired to cook at the
 Fam. The Democrats were in control and Granma
 w quite a strong Democrat. Then the Supervisors
 had, politically, and the Republicans got control. They
 an fire her from that job. Some of them met in Ukiah
 of he Rawles said, "You're not gonna fire Mrs. Duncan;
 s got a vote, she'll get it." And he stood his ground.
 no going to fire her because she's a good cook. She did
 ve and you won't get anyone who'll do it as well." The
 ve very strong Republicans. They are yet. I know one
 (LAUGHS) But they didn't fire her.

we and I were married in her house, at her request. My
 named Rachel Daley, from way up in Oregon. I met her
 trip. We had relatives up there. Her father was a
 Socialist didn't have much standing then. Her father
 Eugene Debs three times in a row!

or the railroad came to Willits in 1900, there was a twice
 passenger stage between Covelo and Ukiah through

Redwood Valley and up the east branch of Russian River and
 over the summit to Tomki, at first, a stopping place called
 Traveler's Home, on this side of South Eel River and all over the
 west flank of Sanhedrin Mountain through Eden Valley to
 Covelo, crossing Middle Eel River by ferry. The Round Valley
 stockmen drove their hogs and turkeys over this route to the
 Ukiah market, also sheep and cattle but mostly hogs.

The railroad was built from Ukiah to Willits in 1899 to 1900.
 The Finnish Colony came in 1912 and contributed greatly to the
 development of the Valley. The rural route was started on May
 1st, 1913, with Roy Chase as temporary carrier. I began work on
 July 1, 1913, as the regular carrier and continued for 38 years.
 The telephone came shortly after the rural route. For several
 years it was a farmer's line. Electricity didn't come until 1925.

You can't imagine the roads in the old days, you can't
 conceive. These roads was crooked as a snake here. There were
 no straight roads. They got mired down when they first got cars.
 We thought it was fine when they gravelled 'em. That was
 wonderful. We didn't think of 'em ever being paved, you know.
 Gravelled. And you had to watch out. I carried mail 38 years and
 I had trouble in the mail. I'd find out where the bad places were
 and would avoid them. But people didn't always do that. Well, I
 took two horses. I took a horse and buggy with nice weather but I
 took two horses in the wintertime and I had a covered wagon
 with a canvas cover on it, with the Christmas packages and all.
 People waited then till just before Christmas and, oh, we had a
 mess. My wife became my assistant. And she could go with me. It
 wasn't permitted of course. Then they finally did permit it. She
 became my assistant. And I pretty near got into trouble. she
 wanted to carry it more and more than I wanted her to.
 (LAUGHS) But she was a beautiful woman, a great beauty.

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1910 - Rachel Marian JAMESON b 22 May 1910, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: Thomas Marion JAMESON & Rachel DALY
 m Willard WRIGHT 1 Apr 1927, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 (Willard d Apr 1984, Burbank, LA Co, CA
 bur Oak Hill, San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA

1927 - Robert "Bobby" b 21 Oct, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA; d 3 Oct 1987, San Jose
 m Joan Patricia SMITH 21 Jul 1950, Vallejo, Solano Co, CA
 Fred Robert b 20 May 1951 m Susan PODGETT 17 Jun 1972
 Jeffrey b 16 Aug 1981, San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA
 Patricia Ann b 23 Jul 1952 m Kenneth MARKS 6 May 1972
 Kevin b 14 Aug 1973 San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA
 K. C. b 4 Jun 1975 " " " " "
 Richard b 9 Oct 1956 m Gema BURKE 7 Jan 1982
 NeAndra Sharee b 21 Jul 1983 San Jose, Santa Clara Co, CA
 Lynn Irene b 13 Feb 1967 (twin) m Mark NORRIS 12 Mar 1988
 Linda Marie " " " " m Brian STAUB 23 Dec 1988

1942 - 20 Jan letter from Marian's father, Thomas Marion JAMESON to Reuben BOX
 excerpt: "...The girl (Mrs Willard Wright) lives in Vallejo. Her husband work
 for Uncle Sam helping build war ships at Mare Island. They were up over Sunday
 They can not come so often since the war, as he works 2 shifts at times. He
 works at night so he sleeps most of the day..Our girl has been married 15 year
 and has a 14-year-old son, so I am an old hand at 'this GrandPa business'..."

1976 - In the book MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY by Raymond James Shultz, there
 are two references to Marion:

1) p6 - "...McClendon School District had the first schoolhouse at the lower
 end of the valley, in Salt Hollow. Frank Ricetti, Sr told me that the teacher
 was a young girl by the name of Pearl Withrow, and the pupils were...Marion
 Jameson...This was the entire school enrollment when the school was started..
 2) opposite p16 - Photo at top of page shows "Jameson home - Redwood Valley,
 1912-1913. L to r: Tom Jameson Sr, Rachael (Mrs Tom) Jameson holding Roy,
 Marriion (sic) in front, Nancy (Mrs Wm) Jameson, William Jameson. Tom Sr
 is now the oldest man in Redwood Valley, 1976."

1990 - Per Tom and Ethel Jameson 25 Jun 1990 at Redwood Valley, Rachel now
 lives with her daughter-in-law (widow of her son, Bobby) in San Jose.

1991 - 22 Feb - In a very pleasant and informative telephone conversation on
 this date, Rachel Marian JAMESON WRIGHT gave me extensive family information.
 She said her granddaughter has her father's (Thomas Marion JAMESON) diary. It
 belongs to Marian, and she said she would find out if there were any really
 interesting parts which she could Xerox and send to me.
 Her son, Robert, died of leukemia in 1987. Marian lives with his widow, Joan.

Rachel Marian Jameson, seated;
 Fred, Joan & Jeffrey standing - 1990
 FOUR GENERATIONS!



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914 - Thomas Lester JAMESON b 12 May 1914

Parents: Thomas Marion JAMESON & Rachel DALY

m Ethel ANKER 26 May 1940, Reno, Washoe Co. NV

942 - Donald Lester b 6 Jan Willits, Mendocino Co CA; m Narine SENG; 2 sons:

Michael Lester or Donald Lester Jr?? b abt 1977

Daniel Thomas b abt 1980 (per Ethel)

Donald is in the State Department Foreign Service and presently in Burma.

1946 - William Paul "Pete" b 8 Apr; m Elizabeth "Bitsy" McCLELLAN; 3 children:

Craig b abt 1978; Kate b abt 1980; Brian Woodrow b abt 1987

Ethel gave the above name, but another source said he was named Peter?? He is always referred to as "Pete" in the family. He lives in*Portland, OR. His mother, Ethel, died in June 1991 after being brought to Portland from her home in Redwood Valley by his brother Donald.

1953: from HISTORY OF REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION AND... VOLUNTEER FIREMEN AND... FIRE DISTRICT -

A copy of this history was given to me by Ethel Anker Jameson 5 July 1990:

"On April 8, 1953, the Redwood Valley-Calpella Volunteer Firemen were organized with the following officers: John Oakes, Chairman; Roy Breault, Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Jameson, Fire Chief; and Roy Williams, Assistant Fire Chief."

1953 - 1988 -Tom was Fire Chief in Redwood Valley and Calpella for 35 years.

1954 - Nancy Katherine b 12 Jan; m 1) Steve LAMBERT; (div) 2 children:

Shasta Leah b 27 Feb 1980 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

Mark David b 25 Jan 1982 " " " "

m 2) Ronald Wyman LAPIC 4 Oct 1985

....and because of Nancy's marriage to Ron, another "small world" story evolved. In Jun 1990 I accompanied my sister-in-law, Ann Ramsay, to Ukiah and we had lunch with a friend of hers, Norma Ouellette. When I mentioned that one of my great-grandfathers had settled in Redwood Valley she asked me about some of the family names. Her ears perked up at the name Jameson, and she said her son had married a Nancy Jameson whose father was Tom. After calling Ethel and Tom to confirm the Howell relationship, she drove us to their home for a long and lovely visit. Ethel gave me much verbal information that day, and on subsequent visits generously shared family information she had at the house. So on a chance visit, I again "struck a goldmine!"

Nancy, Ron and the 2 children live in a mobile home at the back of Tom and Ethel's home. Nancy had previously worked as a pre-school teacher, but now works as a teacher's aide with the physically and mentally handicapped at Ukiah High School. Ron works for Myacama Industries making things for the handicapped. They have or care for 11 horses in addition to working. She hopes to maintain and preserve the Jameson home for her children.

1976 - MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY by Raymond James Shultz (published by Mendocino County Historical Society) refers to Tom Jameson:

1) p 8 - "...In order to have a control burn you have to get a permit to burn from the California State Forestry. Thomas Jameson, Jr has issued permits for doing this for at least twenty years. For several years the forestry even burned grass and brush that were a fire hazard for the homeowner in the valley. "Tom, as everyone in the valley called him, was always ready to help the people and got to be an expert at fighting fires, structural, or forest and grass fires....."

2) p 9 - "Ethel and Tom Jameson raised three children. Donald is a Foreign

* Change to Prineville, Crook Co, OR per Ethel's obituary which arrived after printing.

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Service Officer with the State Department. He is in Washington D C now, but he has been nearly all over the world as he was in the Peace Corps before he went into the State Department. Pete (NOTE: This must be William Paul Jameson) loves animals and wants to go to Idaho to raise cattle. He lives in Southern California now and has a few cows. Nancy is in college now....."

3) p13 - "...While Roy Williams was postmaster, he belonged to the Redwood Valley Volunteer Fire Department and went out on many fires. We had a fire at the Skull Mountain Ranch on Fischer road, and Roy and Tom Jameson came to help old Jack Lane and me put it out. We all rode up to the fire, and it had jumped the road and was burning merrily in the grass... Roy grabbed a MacLeod (a fire-fighting hoe) and said, 'We will snuff it out.' And that is what we did. It was late afternoon when we started, and by dark we had it out. We were coming back to the truck when Rene Rospide and Harold Buckley showed up to help. They could hardly believe that the four of us had put out a forty-acre fire in just about four hours...."

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Ethel and Tom Jameson at home in Redwood Valley, CA

25 Jun 1990

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1914 - Ethel Emelia ANKER b 17 Feb 1914, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA

Parents: Florin E ANKER & Bessie ?

m Thomas Lester JAMESON 26 May 1940, Reno, Washoe Co, NV

d 26 Jun 1991, Prineville, Crook Co, OR

bur 2 Jul 1991, Russian River Cemetery, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA

PLEASE see Thomas Lester JAMESON Notes also.

1976 - Page 28, MEMORIES OF REDWOOD VALLEY, by Ray Shultz (1976):

"It's funny how you get started on something like this. One time I was telling a story of something that happened here in the Valley a long time ago, and Ethel Jameson said, 'You should write a book on the things you have seen. If you will, I will edit it for you.' So here are some of my stories."

1976 - Ethel wrote the FOREWORD for the Shultz book, and the Mendocino

Historical Society mentions her in the Acknowledgements:

"It would be impossible to acknowledge in full the contributions which have made this publication possible. Above all, however, the most significant has been that of the author Raymond James Shultz and the help of Ethel Jameson for securing the pictures and typing the original manuscript....."

Other references to Ethel in the above book are:

1) p8 - "....Ethel Jameson...whose father was Danish has copied some of the old country cooking, for I tasted some aebleskiver she made. It is made like a dumpling with a plum in the middle....Ethel said aebleskiver meant apple cake in Danish...."

2) p9 - "Ethel and Tom Jameson raised three children...Ethel Jameson is a granddaughter of Neil Anker, the first man to sell Standard Oil Products in Ukiah. He drove an iron grey horse and sold mostly kerosene that was delivered in five-gallon square cans...."

1990 - When I was in Ukiah in Jan 1991, I talked with Nancy, Ethel's daughter who lives in a mobile home in back of Ethel and Tom's house. She told me that since Ethel's debilitating stroke in 1990 she had become increasingly disoriented and now needed full care at home. They had hired a nurse-caretaker and it relieved both Tom and Nancy of having to be 'on guard' 24 hours a day.

1991 - Jun - Ann Ramsay called to tell me that Ethel had died of a massive stroke in Portland, Oregon. Her son, Donald, had come home from Burma and taken her, Tom and the nurse to Portland to live with the other son, Pete. She suffered the stroke not too long after their arrival in Portland. Tom and the nurse accompanied the body back to Redwood Valley.

....and the following obituary arrived the day the book was going to print, through the kindness of Norma Ouellette and Ann Ramsay:

"June 30, 1991 - OBITUARIES - Ethel Emelia Jameson, 77, of Redwood Valley, died Wednesday, June 26, 1991, in Prineville, Ore., while visiting family. A visitation for Mrs Jameson will be held at Eversole Mortuary from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. A memorial service will be held at the mortuary at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs Jameson will be interred at Russian River Cemetery.

"Mrs *James was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Healdsburg and was a lifelong California resident. She was the daughter of Florin E. and Bessie Anker of Ukiah. Mrs Jameson was a member of the League of Women Voters, former secretary of the Mendocino County Water District, secretary and dispatcher for the Redwood Valley/Calpella Fire District for more than 30 years and was a longtime member

*Please correct to "Jameson"

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of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Redwood Valley Elementary School. She was also a longtime member of the Redwood Valley Grange, a member of the board of the Mendocino County Museum and a member of the Mendocino County Historical Society.

"Mrs Jameson is survived by her husband, Thomas L. Jameson, also of Redwood Valley; two sons, Donald L Jameson of Rangoon, Burma, and William P. Jameson of Prineville, Ore.; her daughter, Nancy Jameson-Lapic of Redwood Valley; her sister, Margaret Montgomery of Santa Rosa; and seven grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mendocino County Historical Society in Mrs. Jameson's name. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eversole Mortuary.
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879 - Joseph WESELSKY b 13 Nov 1879, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, MN
 Parents: John Joseph WESELSKY & Annie Sophia ?
 m Emma WATSON 1904
 d 21 Aug 1964
 bur Russian River Cemetery, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA

1879 - Joseph Weselsky is the connecting link between my great-grandfather, Elijah Preston Howell and the Weselskys. Joseph married Emma WATSON, only child of Mary Howell and grand-daughter of Elijah Preston Howell.

1905 - Joseph Willard b 27 Aug, in old McPeak house on Clay St, Ukiah
 d 28 Jun 1982, Nevada City, Nevada Co, CA; bur Forest View Cemetery
 m 1) Florence ? 1 Mar 1933;
 m 2) Audrey ? 26 Apr 1945, Calaveras Co, CA; d Aug 1967
 m 3) Beatrice Nichols

Willard worked many years for the Resources Agency of CA, Dept of Conservation, Division of Forestry. He retired in June 1970 holding the position of Assistant State Forest Ranger.

1907 - Alpheus "Len" b 6 Mar, Orrs Mtn, Mendocino Co, CA (SEE his Notes)

1909 - Frances Ethel b 12 Feb, Orrs Mtn; d late 40's; m Lloyd Lynch.

1911 - Doras Mildred "Millie" b 24 Dec, Orrs Mtn; m Loren "Speed" DeVEE
 d 1957 Garberville; bur Eureka, CA
 2 dau: Donna and Dolores

1915 - Mary A b 4 Dec, Orrs Mtn; d 8 Dec 1915, bur with her parents.

1917 - Donald Walter "Don" b 16 Dec (SEE his Notes)

Per WESELSKY FAMILY HISTORY, by Minnie Frances (HINKSON) BARTON -

"Joseph Weselsky drove stage coach between Ukiah and Mendocino City via Orrs Springs and Melbourne, when he was a boy in his teens. Later he managed a sheep ranch and vineyard on Orrs Mountain (nine miles out of Ukiah). "In 1904 he married Emma Watson (grand-daughter of Elijah Preston HOWELL, and niece of Elma Jane HOWELL BOX) of Redwood Valley. They established a home on the ranch and purchased the same. Four of their five children were born there. In 1917 they moved to Ukiah and lived out their lives there. They kept part of the ranch and continued to raise sheep and grapes for a few more years while Joseph worked in law enforcement. Emma worked as a practical nurse after the family moved to Ukiah. In later years when the family was grown and gone their own individual way she was County Jail Matron for several years. For over 30 yrs Joseph worked in law enforcement, having been Constable, Deputy Sheriff under two sheriffs, Ralph Byrnes and Dick Williams; relief officer for Ukiah Police Department, then Constable again in the last years before retirement. He passed on in August 1964 at age 85, four years after suffering a stroke on a street and breaking a leg on the curb. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Emma suffered a fractured hip in late 1961. After two months of hospitalization she developed pneumonia and died January of 1962 at the age of seventy-seven. She was born in 1885. Both she and Joseph at rest in Ukiah Cemetery." (NOTE: Both Joseph and Emma (Watson) WESELSKY, along with their baby daughter, Mary A, are buried in the Russian River Cemetery in Ukiah. All three names with all the dates are on a single stone, according to a plot map sent to me by June McCloud of the Mendocino County Historical Society in Ukiah.)

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1962 - Aunt Anita's scrapbook obituary: "Death Summons Emma Weselsky - Mrs Emma Weselsky, 76, died following a short illness. Pneumonia probably cause. Wife of Joseph Weselsky, former Mendocino Co constable who survives her. She is also survived by her 3 sons, Leonard, Ukiah, Willard, Nevada City; Don, Philippine Garberville...Also surviving are 4 grand-children and 9 great-grandchildren...

1991 - June McCLOUD, a researcher at the Mendocino Co Historical Society, told me in Jan 1991 that her great-great-grandfather, Sam ORR, homesteaded in Reeves Canyon at the foot of the Willits Grade. He then moved to Ukiah, and owned Orr's Springs area near Orr's Mtn where the Weselsky children were born.
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1907 - Alpheus Lenard "Len" WESELSKY b 6 Mar 1907, Orrs Mtn, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: Joseph WESELSKY & Emma WATSON

m 1) Gladys STALEY

m 2) Thelma (b 17 Jun 1914) 14 Apr 1934

m 3) Margaret DUNN (b 21 Dec 1919; d 18 Dec 1985) aft 1934

d 12 Feb 1989, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA

bur Ukiah Cemetery, " " " "

1928 - Dora Mae b 24 Dec Willits, Mendocino Co, CA (SEE her Notes)

1934 - Entry in Weselsky Family Album lent to me by Dora Mae Weselsky
 Eshleman in Jan 1991 reads: "Len and Thelma married 14 April 1934."

1953 - Carl Bruce b 17 Aug, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA

m Tammi JONDAHL; dau Alisa

Carl and his family live in the Len Weselsky family home in Ukiah and have remodelled extensively.

1985 - Ukiah Daily Journal, 19 Dec obituary excerpts: "...Margaret Weselsky, 65, who died Dec 18 in her Ukiah home...Weselsky, a retired bookkeeper, was born Dec 21, 1919 in CA. She spent her entire life as a resident of this state, and lived in the Ukiah area 35 years. She was a member of Ukiah Emblem Club.

Per Weselsky Family History rec'd Jan 1990: "Lenard Weselsky and wife Margaret and son Carl Bruce live in Ukiah where Lenard holds the Mobil Oil Agency for the surrounding area. Bruce is a college student. Lenard has a daughter by a former marriage, Dora Mae, who has four children."

1989 - June McCloud of the Mendocino Co Historical Society sent me the following obituaries for Lenard Weselsky: "Ukiah - Services will be 11 a.m. today at Eversole Mortuary for Len Weselsky, 81, of Ukiah. The life-long resident of Mendocino County died Sunday in a local hospital. "Active in civic affairs, Weselsky was a retired employee of the Mobil Oil Co. As a young man, Weselsky held many records at Ukiah High School for track, basketball and football along with records in the Ukiah City League for baseball and basketball... Weselsky also was a past president of the Ukiah Rod and Gun Club, the Big Foot Hunting Club, and was a former commissioner of the Ukiah Park and Recreation Department... Survivors include a daughter, Dora Eshleman, Ukiah; a son, Bruce Weselsky, Ukiah; a brother, Don Weselsky, Ukiah; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. "Elks Club officers will officiate at today's services. Burial will follow in Ukiah Cemetery."

(Excerpts to delete repetition) "LEN WESELSKY - A funeral for Len Weselsky, 81, Weselsky died Feb. 12 in Ukiah... He was born March 6, 1907 in Ukiah... He was a member of the Ukiah Elks Club with perfect attendance for over 50 years; "His wife, Margaret Weselsky, his parents, Emma and Joseph Weselsky, a brother, Willard Weselsky and two sisters, Frances and Mildred have all died. "Survivors are his children, Dora Eshleman and husband, Bob, of Ukiah and Bruce Weselsky and wife, Tammi of Ukiah; grandchildren Linda Pitelka of Pelham, Mass., Chuck Pacini, Debra Lewis, Mike Schumaker and Alisa Weselsky, all of Ukiah; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Don Weselsky and wife, Leonora, of Ukiah; and two nieces..."

Memorial card from Eversole Mortuary reads:

"In Memory Of LENARD A. WESELSKY, Born March 6, 1907. Ukiah, California, Entered Into Rest February 12, 1989, Ukiah, California - Services at The

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 Eversole Mortuary, Wednesday February 15, 1989 11 AM - Officiants: Officers of
 Ukiah Elks Lodge #1728, Interment, Ukiah Cemetery."
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Dora Mae Weselsky - Jan 1991



Willard Weselsky



Frances Ethel Weselsky & Lloyd Lynch

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- 1928 - Dora Mae WESELSKY b 24 Dec 1928, Willits, Mendocino Co, CA
 Parents: Alpheus Lenard "Len" WESELSKY & Gladys STALEY
 m 1) Rodney Charles PACINI (b 1924, Ukiah)
 m 2) Horace William SCHUMAKER
 m 3) Robert "Bob" ESHLEMAN 6 Apr 1968, Carson City, Ormsby Co, NV
- 1947 - Linda Lee PACINI b 24 Jun 1947, Ukiah, Mendocino Co, CA;
 m Wenzel K "Vince" PITEKKA 20 Dec 1970, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 son: Morgan J b 9 Nov 1972, Arcata, Humboldt Co, CA
 Linda received her B A (1969) and M A (1985) from Humboldt State University;
 A Thesis: "Government Policy Toward Women in the People's Republic of China, 1949-1980"; Ph.D was in progress in 1990, University of Massachusetts:
 Dissertation: "Deep Valley: Gender, Race and Ethnicity in a Northern California Community, 1860-1930" She teaches American History at the college level.
 Other writings, published or unpublished, by Linda:
 "Red Hot: The California Senate Race of 1950"
 "Clara Barton and the Civil War" (1986)
 "The American Family in the Civil War"
- 1950 - Rodney Charles PACINI (Jr) b 3 Apr, Ukiah; m Diane DUNSING 1979
 2 dau: Mia b 26 Mar 1980, Ukiah; Caroline b 3 Jun 1987, Ukiah
 (Rodney has a son, Erik, b Oct 1972, by a previous marriage)
- 1954 - Debra Ann SCHUMAKER b 13 Oct 1954, Ukiah; m Don DOCKINS abt 1971/2
 1 son: Donald "Donnie" Albert b 31 Dec 1972, Ukiah; d Feb 1991
 1 dau: Diana Andrea b 5 Sep 1987 ? (77 ?) Ukiah;
 Donnie was tragically killed in an auto accident. He had been living with Dora until he went into the Army.
- 1958 - Michael Alan b 22 Aug, Ukiah; m Robin MOSLER abt 1985
 1 son: Jerad Michael b 29 Oct 1990, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 (Michael has a son, Justin William, b 5 Nov 1980, from a previous marriage)
- 1991 - Mon 21 Jan - Dora and I met for breakfast in Ukiah. She brought two very old family photo albums plus an envelope of pictures which she was more than willing to lend me so Allen can copy any that are important. One very important picture she gave me to keep was one of Elijah Preston Howell...the first one I had ever seen and one which will have great prominence in the book.
- Dora is 62 years old, looks younger, a delightful woman with lots of vitality and energy. She was most gracious when I called her the previous afternoon out of the blue just to ask if she had any family memorabilia that might be interesting for the book. She was immediately interested, but said she was committed to babysitting for her new grandson sometime the next day and would have to call me back as to when we could meet. True to her word, she called me that evening and suggested we have breakfast together. She expressed great interest in the family history.
- After her parents divorced, Dora was raised by her maternal grandmother, Carolina Mariah (RENICK) STALEY (b 1876) and has lived in Ukiah and vicinity all her life. She worked for many years as a Psychiatric Aide at Mendocino State Hospital in Talmage. Just from the short time we were in the restaurant it was evident that she had many friends in town and takes part in many social affairs. She swims every day and appears to be in excellent health.
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1917 - Donald Walter WESELSKY b 16 Dec 1917, Orrs Mtn, Mendocino Co, CA
Parents: Joseph WESELSKY and Emma WATSON
m Leonora SANCHEZ

Per Weselsky Family History rec'd Jan 1990: "Donald served in WW II in the Pacific Area. After his discharge returned to the Philippines to work for the Basilian Lumber Company on Isabela Island. He became Superintendent of all operations. A Seattle, Washington based lumber company owned the operation Don was in charge of. He and wife Leonora returned to Ukiah, CA in September 1976 to make their home."

Donald was the only one of the Weselsky family to respond to my request for information. He sent the Weselsky Family History, compiled by Minnie Francis Hinkson Barton, daughter of Anne Sophie Weselsky Hinkson, a cousin of his. The information was from stories Minnie's mother told over the years and from her half-sister Neva Patten Schnoor. He said he had never heard of the Haney Family or the Howell Family. He wrote to me 15 Jan 1990 and enclosed the family history, a wealth of information.

5 Jul 1990 - Glen and I visited Donald and Leonore Weselsky in Ukiah. They live in a very comfortable mobile home in Ukiah part of the year, and in another mobile home near Fort Bragg, CA the remainder of the year. They made us feel most welcome, served home-made ice cream and cake, and when we left, insisted that we take a generous package of abalone with us. One of Don's favorite sports is abalone fishing when he is at Fort Bragg, and they have a large quantity in their freezer in Ukiah. What a treat!!

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Glen Akins, Leonora and Donald Weselsky - 5 Jul 1990
Ukiah, CA

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1862 - Andrew "Andy" HOWELL b 27 Nov 1862, Solano Co, CA
 Parents: Elijah Preston HOWELL & Margaret Jane MORELAND
 d 7 Feb 1951, Red Bluff, Tehama Co, CA

1862 - Entry in the Howell PICTORIAL FAMILY REGISTER reads:
 "Andrew Howell, b Solano County, California November 17th 1862, Scottish
 Descent, to Elijah P Howell and Margaret Jane Moreland; Occupation: Stockman
 (Cattle and Sheep); Religion: Methodist; Bachelor; Stature: Five Feet Eight
 Inches; Weight: Approx 160 pounds; Habit: Medium; Complexion: Dark; Color of
 Hair: Brown; Color of Eyes: Dark; Health: Good; Date of Death: February 7th
 1951; Place of Death: Red Bluff, Tehama County Hospital; Age: 88 years; Place
 of Interment: Red Bluff, California."

1892 - 16 Dec -My father, Andrew "Andy" Howell Box, was named after this man.

1901 - An excerpt from Thomas Marion Jameson's diary sent to me by his
 daughter, Rachel Marian (JAMESON) WRIGHT 15 April 1991 reads:
 "Thursday, March 14, 1901.....I wrote a letter two my Uncle Andrew Howell, who
 works in the mines near Butte City, Montana....."

1940's - In handwritten notes given to me by Aunt Ora in my teens, she says
 with reference to the Elijah Preston HOWELL family:
 "Sisters were..... Brothers were Andrew & William. All dead except
 Uncle Andrew who is in his 80's and paralyzed in a Red Bluff hospital now."

1942 - 20 Jan letter from Tom JAMESON (Sr) to Reuben BOX:
 "...I was so glad to hear about Uncle Andy and I have written to him. We had
 completely lost track of him for several years.....It is just too bad Uncle
 Andy is not at the Redding instead of the Red Bluff Hospital. She (his
 daughter, Virginia) would be so much company for him....."

1951 - Aunt Anita's book: "ANDREW HOWELL FUNERAL ARRANGED - "A graveside service
 was conducted at 3 P.M. today at Oak Hill for Andrew Howell, 88, who died
 at Tehama Co Hospital, Feb 7. He had been a patient there for 10 years. Rev
 W V Barney conducted the rites, which were arranged by Fickert's Chapel. Howell
 was a native of California and a resident of this county for many years."

NOTE: Andy Howell, my grandmother's brother, was a bachelor. Very little was
 known about him. My Uncle Reuben Box and my father, Andy Box, visited him
 him in the mountains a few times, but no specific recollections were
 recorded. Their Uncle Andy Howell was reported to be a kind of hermit and
 recluse who lived off the land and did not want contact with people.

1974 - Ben Matzen letter: "Alice, Dr Bascom and I fished Deer Creek many times
 on the old stomping ground of our Great-uncle Andy Howell-in fact on one
 occasion we actually stayed and cooked in his old broken down log cabin, right
 on Deer Creek. We would leave our cars up near Campbelville, and sometimes
 right on the Apperson ranch, and go down the old Apperson Trail. Uncle
 Reuben said one time Mr Apperson got real put out with his wife---must have been
 pretty bad---he roped her to a chair in their home and went off and left her.
 "Our years in archery made the 'Ishi' story very interesting having spent
 so many pleasant hours camping and fishing on the very stream where he
 lived, hunted and fished...."

He reportedly kept a journal or diary which he had shown to and perhaps
 given to a Mrs Apperson of Red Bluff, but she wanted to publish a book on it so

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did not want to share the information in it with any of the Howell or Box family. To my knowledge that book was never published and she did not respond to queries about the diary in the 1970's. Her full name was Eva Marie APPERSON and I will give some quotes from her letters with regard to the above.

1977 - Most of Eva M Apperson's correspondence to me centered on her book, WE KNEW ISHI, published in 1971. She sent clippings from the Red Bluff newspaper indicating the critical acclaim the book received. However, on 2 Feb 1977, she sent me the following letter which I quote verbatim for the bits of information on Andy Howell she does give:
 "My Dear Alice Ramsay Akins, At long last here comes a reply to your request of late 1973. I am in a position at this date to answer briefly to your satisfaction and mine. Yes, indeed, we knew Andy Howell and for many years. He was a grand person: such as the likes we see little of today, regretfully said. I am sending along this 'post-script' in advance of more information. If you are at your Hollywood address or receive this, I shall send a letter to you in reply to this. Just to make certain we do not lose. (sic)

"I have two pictures of Andy for you: have searched for them as I have moved times in 7 years: can hardly be sure where my hat hangs up, as dear Andy would say. I believe he passed on in the 1950's early, and is buried in Red Bluff of Hill Cemetery.

"Should you breeze up this way or have plans to do so, let me know ahead of time so as not to miss you. That would be bad. I would like to meet you. This recall: We had something in Common: Andy landed in Calif. at the Peter Lassen-Benton City at Deer Creek, Vina, Tehama Co. where I was later left by the stork. Sincerely, Ms Eva M Apperson"

An immediate reply to this letter, plus 5 followups in 1977 brought no reply.

1991 - My brother, Allen, speculated as to whether Howell's Ridge near Payne's Creek and Mill Creek could have been named after Andy Howell. I wrote to Glenn Zane in Redding 14 Feb 1991 to ask if he could either confirm or deny. Glenn is a Forestry Consultant in the area and I thought he might know something about this particular ridge. In a March 1991 letter Glenn said he would check into this to see if any of his forestry friends knew anything about it.



Andrew "Andy" Howell



Will and Andy Howell

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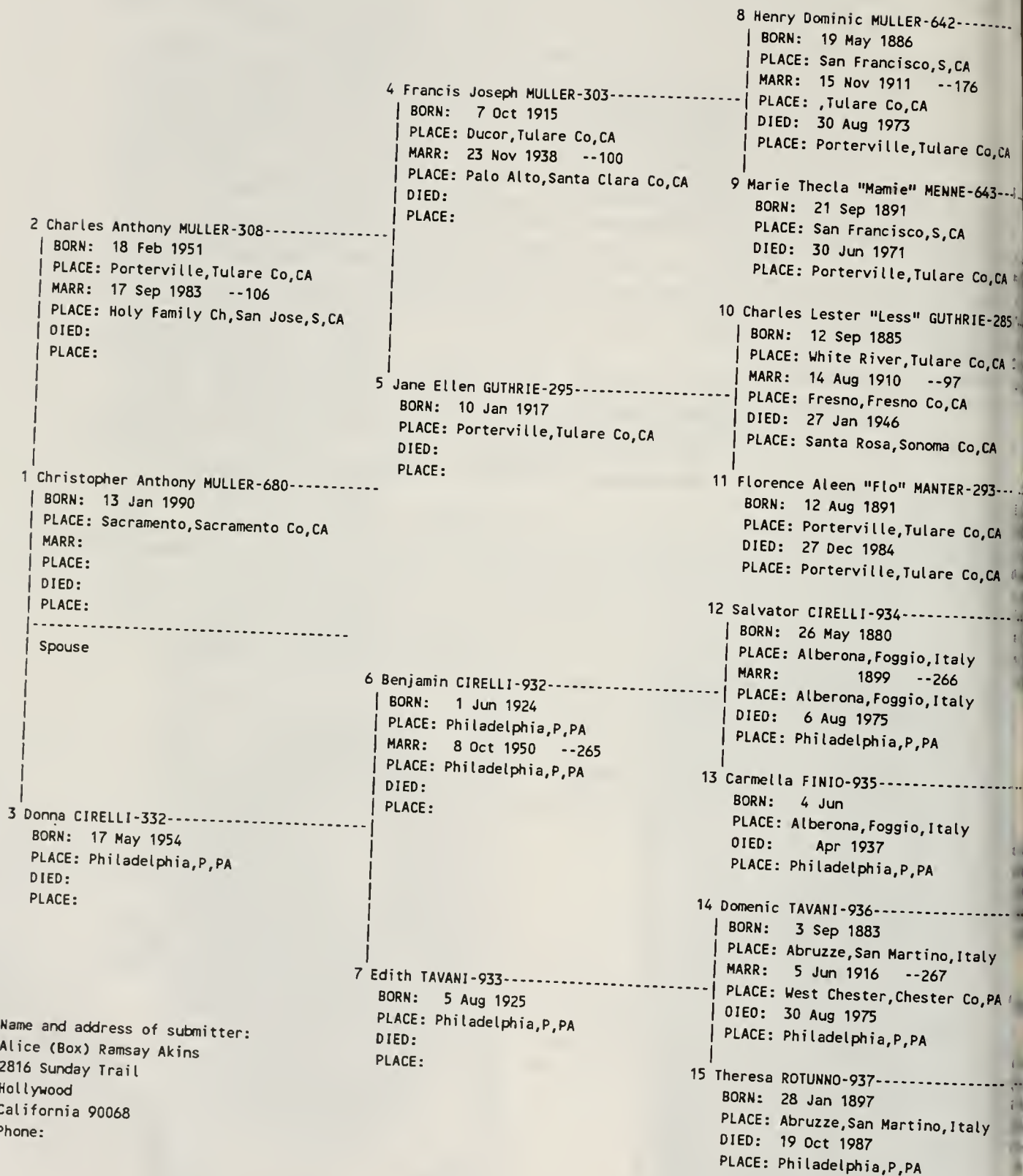
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|--|---|--|
| <p>Howell "Andy" BOX-1-----
 BORN: 5 Dec 1892
 PLACE: White River, Tulare Co, CA
 MARR: 1 Jun 1922 --1
 PLACE: Oakland, Alameda Co, CA
 DIED: 5 Apr 1964
 PLACE: Sacramento, Sacramento Co, CA</p> | <p>4 Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX-9-----
 BORN: 16 Jan 1839
 PLACE: Chickasaw Co, MS
 MARR: 25 Nov 1884 --4
 PLACE: Porterville, Tulare Co, CA
 DIED: 27 Apr 1917
 PLACE: Lane Hospital, San Francisco, CA</p> | <p>8 Reuben Franklin BOX-6-----
 BORN: 8 Dec 1808
 PLACE: , SC
 MARR: 1 Sep 1836 --2
 PLACE:
 DIED: 7 Jul 1854
 PLACE: Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA</p> <p>9 Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7-----
 BORN: 13 Dec 1817
 PLACE: , AL
 DIED: 29 Dec 1893
 PLACE: Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA</p> |
| <p>1 Allen "Al" BOX-5-----
 BORN: 2 Aug 1926
 PLACE: Berkeley, Alameda Co, CA
 MARR: 28 May 1988 --78
 PLACE: Fremont, Alameda Co, CA</p> | <p>5 Elma Jane HOWELL-23-----
 BORN: 15 Dec 1864
 PLACE: Benicia, Solano Co, CA
 DIED: 19 May 1918
 PLACE: Talmage, Mendocino Co, CA</p> | <p>10 Elijah Preston HOWELL-381-----
 BORN: 11 Dec 1803
 PLACE: New River District, Grayson Co, VA
 MARR: 18 Dec 1851 --124
 PLACE: Santa Clara Co, CA
 DIED: 17 Jun 1879
 PLACE: Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co, CA</p> <p>11 Margaret Jane MORELAND-382-----
 BORN: 16 Oct 1828
 PLACE: Estill Co, KY
 BUR.: 1884
 PLACE: Old Cemetery, Redwood Valley, CA</p> |
| <p>(wry) ORTH-238-----
 US</p> | <p>6 Ralph William MEAL-738-----
 BORN: 27 Sep 1868
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO
 MARR: 22 Jan 1896 --212
 PLACE: (eloped), Monticello, Lewis Co, MO
 DIED: 19 Dec 1943
 PLACE: Oakland, Alameda Co, CA</p> | <p>12 George MEAL-755-----
 BORN: 2 Sep 1825
 PLACE: Clermont Co, OH
 MARR: 13 Sep 1860 --213
 PLACE:
 DIED: 1 Dec 1896
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO</p> |
| <p>Leuth MEAL-2-----
 BORN: 22 Nov 1896
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO
 DIED: 18 Jul 1988
 PLACE: Fremont, Alameda Co, CA</p> | | <p>13 Ruth REESE-756-----
 BORN: 14 Oct 1836
 PLACE: , MO
 DIED: 12 Sep 1909
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO</p> |
| <p>Address of submitter:
 (ox) Ramsay Akins
 nday Trail
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 nia 90068</p> | <p>7 Mattie Harwood MOORE-752-----
 BORN: 23 Nov 1867
 PLACE: St Louis, St Louis City Co, MO
 DIED: 21 Sep 1947
 PLACE: Oakland, Alameda Co, CA</p> | <p>14 Robert Alexander MOORE-758-----
 BORN: 10 Aug 1824
 PLACE: County Tyrone, Ireland
 MARR: 22 Jan 1845 --214
 PLACE: County Tyrone, Ireland
 DIED: 21 Feb 1898
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO</p> <p>15 Mary Ann MOORE-759-----
 BORN: 21 Oct 1821
 PLACE: , Ireland
 DIED: 18 Jun 1906
 PLACE: Canton, Lewis Co, MO</p> |

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Chart No. 1

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| <p>4 Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE-36-----
 BORN: 8 Jan 1831
 PLACE: nr Lexington, Fayette Co, KY
 MARR: 15 Dec 1859 --6
 PLACE:
 DIED: 13 Oct 1872
 PLACE: Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co, CA</p> | <p>8 Jack GUTHRIE-861-----
 BORN: 1 Jan 1807
 PLACE: ,,MD
 MARR: Abt 1830 --245
 PLACE:
 DIED: 19 May 1870
 PLACE: Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA</p> |
| <p>Marlin GUTHRIE-40-----
 Mar 1866
 Encon Valley, Sonoma Co, CA
 Oct 1884 --96
 White River, Tulare Co, CA
 Feb 1929
 Fresno, Fresno Co, CA</p> | <p>9 Fairvilla "Fairvilly" RIDDELL-862-----
 BORN: 15 Jan 1808
 PLACE: ,,VA
 DIED: 29 Sep 1868
 PLACE: , Sonoma Co, CA</p> |
| <p>5 Sarah Jane ("Jin") BOX-11-----
 BORN: 14 Apr 1842
 PLACE: , Chickasaw Co, MS
 DIED: 10 Sep 1916
 PLACE: Porterville, Tulare Co, CA</p> | <p>10 Reuben Franklin BOX-6-----
 BORN: 8 Dec 1808
 PLACE: ,,SC
 MARR: 1 Sep 1836 --2
 PLACE:
 DIED: 7 Jul 1854
 PLACE: Sonoma, Sonoma Co, CA</p> |
| <p>es ester "Less" GUTHRIE-285-----
 2 Sep 1885
 White River, Tulare Co, CA
 4 Aug 1910 --97
 Fresno, Fresno Co, CA
 27 Jan 1946
 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co, CA
 and Aleen "Flo" MANTER-293-----</p> | <p>11 Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7-----
 BORN: 13 Dec 1817
 PLACE: ,,AL
 DIED: 29 Dec 1893
 PLACE: Kenwood, Sonoma Co, CA</p> |
| <p>6 Charles Thomas WHITE-865-----
 BORN: 23 Dec 1827
 PLACE: Augusta, Kennebec Co, ME
 MARR: 30 Mar 1862 --246
 PLACE: Lynn's Valley, Kern Co, CA
 DIED: 16 Mar 1894
 PLACE: Porterville, Tulare Co, CA</p> | <p>12 -----
 BORN:
 PLACE:
 MARR:
 PLACE:
 DIED:
 PLACE:</p> |
| <p>7 Elen WHITE-284-----
 RN: 29 May 1866
 NCE
 ED: 22 Jun 1924
 ACE Porterville, Tulare Co, CA</p> | <p>13 -----
 BORN:
 PLACE:
 DIED:
 PLACE:</p> |
| <p>7 Mary Ellen ELLIS-866-----
 BORN: 28 Jul 1845
 PLACE: Welborn, Conway Co, AR
 DIED: Feb 1915
 PLACE:</p> | <p>14 Radford ELLIS-879-----
 BORN: 1809
 PLACE: Wilkinson, Wilkinson Co, MS
 MARR: 1831 --247
 PLACE: Welborn, Conway Co, AR
 DIED: 9 Nov 1864
 PLACE: Lynn's Valley, Kern Co, CA</p> |
| <p>On previous chart
 address of submitter:
 (ox) Ramsay Akins
 Sunday Trail
 wd
 olia 90068
 :</p> | <p>15 Celia Ann JONES-880-----
 BORN: 1808
 PLACE: ,,MS
 BUR.: 1881
 PLACE: Oak Grove Cmty, n, , CA</p> |

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| 1st GENERATION | | | |
| 1 | Jessica Paige BOX-584 | 30 Apr 1991 | |
| 2nd GENERATION | | | |
| 2 | Paul Allen BOX-237 | 30 Jan 1963 | |
| 3 | Lisa Deanne RIGBY-248 | | |
| 3rd GENERATION | | | |
| 4 | Ralph Allen "Al" BOX-5 | 2 Aug 1926 | |
| 5 | Judith Elaine "Judy" HURT D-233 | 14 Jan 1932 | |
| 4th GENERATION | | | |
| 8 | Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX-1 | 16 Dec 1892 | 5 Apr 1964 |
| 9 | Addie Ruth MEAL-2 | 22 Nov 1896 | 18 Jul 1988 |
| 10 | Fred Elvan HURT-482 | 28 May 1903 | 1988 |
| 11 | Lurline McFarland PARKER-483 | 26 Aug 1904 | |
| 5th GENERATION | | | |
| 16 | Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX-9 | 16 Jan 1839 | 27 Apr 1917 |
| 17 | Elma Jane HOWELL-23 | 15 Dec 1864 | 19 May 1918 |
| 18 | Ralph William MEAL-738 | 27 Sep 1868 | 19 Dec 1943 |
| 19 | Mattie Harwood MOORE-752 | 23 Nov 1867 | 21 Sep 1947 |
| 20 | Fred Octavius HURT-486 | | |
| 21 | Jessie Gertrude TURNER-487 | | |
| 22 | Henry Gridley PARKER-488 | | |
| 23 | Sarah Ellen MCFARLAND-489 | 1867 | 5 Nov 1959 |
| 6th GENERATION | | | |
| 32 | Reuben Franklin BOX-6 | 8 Dec 1808 | 7 Jul 1854 |
| 33 | Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7 | 13 Dec 1817 | 29 Dec 1893 |
| 34 | Elijah Preston HOWELL-381 | 11 Dec 1803 | 17 Jun 1879 |
| 35 | Margaret Jane MORELAND-382 | 16 Oct 1828 | 1884 |
| 36 | George MEAL-755 | 2 Sep 1825 | 1 Dec 1896 |
| 37 | Ruth REESE-756 | 14 Oct 1836 | 12 Sep 1909 |
| 38 | Robert Alexander MOORE-758 | 10 Aug 1824 | 21 Feb 1898 |
| 39 | Mary Ann MOORE-759 | 21 Oct 1821 | 18 Jun 1906 |
| 7th GENERATION | | | |
| 64 | Josiah (?) BOX-667 | | |
| 66 | Samuel PARKER Sr-658 | 19 Feb 1793 | 5 Oct 1856 |
| 67 | Fanny MILLER-659 | 22 Aug 1793 | 9 Dec 1822 |
| 68 | John HOWELL-391 | 28 Mar 1780 | 1 Aug 1840 |
| 69 | Nancy BAKER-392 | 10 Jan 1786 | 17 Jan 1856 |
| 70 | Zechariah MORELAND-429 | 14 Nov 1802 | Jan 1861 |
| 71 | Sarah HENDRICKS-430 | 14 Jan 1803 | |
| 76 | Robert Alexander MOORE Sr-771 | Abt 1800 | |

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| 7 | Elizabeth KERR-772 | Abt | 1800 | | |
| 8th GENERATION | | | | | |
| 13 | William HOWELL-417 | Abt | 1755 | | |
| 13 | Elizabeth HASH-418 | | | | |
| 13 | Andrew BAKER-405 | | 1749 | 24 Sep | 1815 |
| 13 | Elizabeth AVEN-406 | | | | |
| 14 | Thomas H MORELAND-444 | Aft | 1770 | Aft | 1830 |
| 14 | Polly (MORELAND)-443 | | | | |
| 12 | James HENDRICKS-440 | Abt | 1755 | Bef | Aug 1817 |
| 13 | Nancy Ann (HENDRICKS)-441 | Abt | 1770 | Aft | 1820 |

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| 1st GENERATION | | | |
| 1 | Andrew Christian BEHM-182 | 28 Jul 1983 | |
| 2nd GENERATION | | | |
| 2 | David Donnal BEHM-171 | 7 Jul 1956 | |
| 3 | Sandra "Sandy" BELL-181 | 5 Feb 1945 | |
| 3rd GENERATION | | | |
| 4 | Donnal George BEHM-167 | 20 Dec 1922 | |
| 5 | Evelyn Marie BOX-4 | 7 Feb 1925 | |
| 6 | Arthur BELL-183 | | |
| 7 | Florence Louise STANTON-184 | | Abt 198 |
| 4th GENERATION | | | |
| 8 | Donnal Christian BEHM-172 | 28 Oct 1899 | Feb 197 |
| 9 | Esther Herta TRAPP-173 | 9 Oct 1902 | 9 Jan 195 |
| 10 | Andrew Howell "Andy" BOX-1 | 16 Dec 1892 | 5 Apr 196 |
| 11 | Addie Ruth MEAL-2 | 22 Nov 1896 | 18 Jul 198 |
| 12 | Arthur BELL Sr-187 | | |
| 13 | Ann CAMPBELL-188 | | |
| 14 | Harry Thompson STANTON-189 | 11 Dec 1872 | Sep 196 |
| 15 | Margaret Mary ROGERS-190 | 20 Sep 1890 | Sep 1962 |
| 5th GENERATION | | | |
| 16 | George Frankfort BEHM-180 | 31 Jul 1867 | 26 Nov 1942 |
| 17 | Jessie Delora KIMMEL-18 | 30 Nov 1877 | 25 Mar 1921 |
| 18 | August TRAPP-177 | 29 Aug 1862 | 26 May 1933 |
| 19 | Marie Augusta SHIRR-178 | 9 Jun 1879 | 8 Jan 1938 |
| 20 | Samuel Powell "Sam" BOX-9 | 16 Jan 1839 | 27 Apr 1917 |
| 21 | Elma Jane HOWELL-23 | 15 Dec 1864 | 19 May 1918 |
| 22 | Ralph William MEAL-738 | 27 Sep 1868 | 19 Dec 1943 |
| 23 | Mattie Harwood MOORE-752 | 23 Nov 1867 | 21 Sep 1947 |
| 28 | Henry Thompson STANTON-194 | | |
| 29 | Martha Elizabeth LINDSEY-195 | | 1923 |
| 30 | Joseph P ROGERS-196 | | 1918 |
| 31 | Martha Elizabeth PHILLIPS-197 | | 1900 |
| 6th GENERATION | | | |
| 32 | Christian BEHM-911 | | 19 Jan 1927 |
| 33 | Molly LEGRON-912 | 15 Feb 1845 | 27 Feb 1911 |
| 40 | Reuben Franklin BOX-6 | 8 Dec 1808 | 7 Jul 1854 |
| 41 | Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7 | 13 Dec 1817 | 29 Dec 1893 |
| 42 | Elijah Preston HOWELL-381 | 11 Dec 1803 | 17 Jun 1879 |
| 43 | Margaret Jane MORELAND-382 | 16 Oct 1828 | 1884 |
| 44 | George MEAL-755 | 2 Sep 1825 | 1 Dec 1896 |
| 45 | Ruth REESE-756 | 14 Oct 1836 | 12 Sep 1909 |
| 46 | Robert Alexander MOORE-758 | 10 Aug 1824 | 21 Feb 1898 |

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| 7 Mary Ann MOORE-759 | 21 Oct 1821 | 18 Jun 1906 |
| 0 George Shearson ROGERS-198 | | |

7th GENERATION

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| 4 Christian BEHM-915 | 1802 | 7 Apr 1876 |
| 5 Mariah (BEHM)-916 | 1800 | 27 Dec 1873 |
| 0 Josiah (?) BOX-667 | | |
| 2 Samuel PARKER Sr-658 | 19 Feb 1793 | 5 Oct 1856 |
| 3 Fanny MILLER-659 | 22 Aug 1793 | 9 Dec 1822 |
| 4 John HOWELL-391 | 28 Mar 1780 | 1 Aug 1840 |
| 5 Nancy BAKER-392 | 10 Jan 1786 | 17 Jan 1856 |
| 6 Zechariah MORELAND-429 | 14 Nov 1802 | Jan 1861 |
| 7 Sarah HENDRICKS-430 | 14 Jan 1803 | |
| 92 Robert Alexander MOORE Sr-771 | Abt 1800 | |
| 93 Elizabeth KERR-772 | Abt 1800 | |

8th GENERATION

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 68 William HOWELL-417 | Abt 1755 | |
| 69 Elizabeth HASH-418 | | |
| 70 Andrew BAKER-405 | 1749 | 24 Sep 1815 |
| 71 Elizabeth AVEN-406 | | |
| 72 Thomas H MORELAND-444 | Aft 1770 | Aft 1830 |
| 73 Polly (MORELAND)-443 | | |
| 74 James HENDRICKS-440 | Abt 1755 | Bef Aug 1817 |
| 75 Nancy Ann (HENDRICKS)-441 | Abt 1770 | Aft 1820 |

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| 1st GENERATION | | | |
| 1 | Nicholas Joseph GALUSHA-922 | 24 Aug 1990 | |
| 2nd GENERATION | | | |
| 2 | Winston "Buddy" GALUSHA-333 | 21 Jun 1947 | |
| 3 | Mary Therese MULLER-309 | 18 May 1952 | |
| 3rd GENERATION | | | |
| 4 | George Forrest GALUSHA-1145 | 9 Mar 1913 | |
| 5 | Jean Dorothy SPARKE-1146 | 16 Oct 1920 | |
| 6 | Francis Joseph MULLER-303 | 7 Oct 1915 | |
| 7 | Jane Ellen GUTHRIE-295 | 10 Jan 1917 | |
| 4th GENERATION | | | |
| 8 | Ernest Centennial GALUSHA-1147 | 27 Jul 1876 | 4 Sep 1933 |
| 9 | Nell PLUMB-1148 | 7 Aug 1881 | 22 Feb 1970 |
| 10 | Paul Arnold SPARKE-1149 | 18 May 1877 | Aug 1941 |
| 11 | Florence Isabel ARMSTRONG-1150 | 10 Jun 1883 | May 1939 |
| 12 | Henry Dominic MULLER-642 | 19 May 1886 | 30 Aug 1973 |
| 13 | Marie Thecla "Mamie" MENNE-643 | 21 Sep 1891 | 30 Jun 1971 |
| 14 | Charles Lester L GUTHRIE-285 | 12 Sep 1885 | 27 Jan 1946 |
| 15 | Florence Aleen "Flo" MANTER-293 | 12 Aug 1891 | 27 Dec 1984 |
| 5th GENERATION | | | |
| 16 | John J GALUSHA-1185 | 25 Jul 1855 | |
| 17 | Hannah Amanda BOSWORTH-1186 | 1 Feb 1855 | 21 Jul 1892 |
| 18 | Hiram C PLUMB-1189 | 14 Dec 1833 | 11 May 1906 |
| 19 | Ellen MACKEY-1190 | 6 Feb 1842 | 1 Nov 1916 |
| 24 | Herman MULLER-606 | 6 Nov 1849 | 18 Dec 1920 |
| 25 | Christina MILLER-605 | 22 Aug 1862 | 8 Nov 1945 |
| 28 | John Franklin GUTHRIE-40 | 5 Mar 1866 | Feb 1929 |
| 29 | Mary Ellen WHITE-284 | 29 May 1866 | 22 Jun 1924 |
| 30 | John Thompson MANTER-620 | 1833 | 22 Jun 1905 |
| 31 | Sarah Jane ARMSTEAD-619 | 1845 | 1928 |
| 6th GENERATION | | | |
| 32 | Benjamin Chace GALUSHA-1187 | 21 Mar 1824 | 27 Sep 1903 |
| 33 | Hannah Ann WOOD-1188 | 3 Dec 1819 | 27 Apr 1893 |
| 36 | George PLUMB-1191 | 28 Sep 1792 | 25 Nov 1871 |
| 37 | Unknown (PLUMB)-1192 | | |
| 50 | Carl MILLER-566 | 1836 | 1911 |
| 51 | Tressia o WIGARD-565 | 1826 | 18 Nov 1890 |
| 56 | Washington "Wash" GUTHRIE-36 | 8 Jan 1831 | 13 Oct 1872 |
| 57 | Sarah Jane ("Jin") BOX-11 | 14 Apr 1842 | 10 Sep 1916 |
| 58 | Charles Thomas WHITE-865 | 23 Dec 1827 | 16 Mar 1894 |
| 59 | Mary Ellen ELLIS-866 | 28 Jul 1845 | Feb 1915 |
| 60 | Hiram MANTER-615 | 1809 | 1882 |

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| 6 | Jane ATKINSON-614 | | 1880 |
| 6 | William S ARMSTEAD-609 | 1802 | 1871 |
| 6 | Phoebe Ann OAKLEY-608 | 1805 | 1875 |

7th GENERATION

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| 12 | Jack GUTHRIE-861 | 1 Jan 1807 | 19 May 1870 |
| 13 | Fairvilla F RIDDELL-862 | 15 Jan 1808 | 29 Sep 1868 |
| 14 | Reuben Franklin BOX-6 | 8 Dec 1808 | 7 Jul 1854 |
| 15 | Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7 | 13 Dec 1817 | 29 Dec 1893 |
| 18 | Radford ELLIS-879 | 1809 | 9 Nov 1864 |
| 19 | Celia Ann JONES-880 | 1808 | 1881 |

8th GENERATION

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| 28 | Josiah (?) BOX-667 | | |
| 20 | Samuel PARKER Sr-658 | 19 Feb 1793 | 5 Oct 1856 |
| 21 | Fanny MILLER-659 | 22 Aug 1793 | 9 Dec 1822 |
| 26 | William ELLIS-888 | 21 Mar 1779 | |
| 27 | Delilah OWENS?-889 | 1783 | |



Nicholas and his family: l to r - Jill, Buddy, Aimee, "himself,"
Mary and Laurel - Christmas
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| 1st GENERATION | | | |
| 1 | Jeremiah Cummings ZANE-1111 | 3 May 1986 | |
| 2nd GENERATION | | | |
| 2 | Steven Mack ZANE-266 | 25 May 1953 | |
| 3 | Margaret Elaine P CUMMINGS-1107 | 20 Dec 1951 | |
| 3rd GENERATION | | | |
| 4 | Roger McMurray ZANE-224 | 9 Aug 1916 | |
| 5 | Ruth Eva KUNTZ-838 | 12 Sep 1915 | |
| 6 | William CUMMINGS-1126 | | |
| 7 | Shirley (CUMMINGS)-1127 | | |
| 4th GENERATION | | | |
| 8 | Willis Albert "Will" ZANE-33 | 30 Jan 1870 | 1 Jan 1952 |
| 9 | Minnie Gertrude THOMPSON-221 | 14 Dec 1876 | 17 Sep 1970 |
| 10 | Louis KUNTZ-1101 | | |
| 11 | Lillie Lenora HAUETER-1102 | | |
| 5th GENERATION | | | |
| 16 | Joel Mortimer "Mort" ZANE-30 | 16 Dec 1834 | 20 Jan 1907 |
| 17 | Mildred Adaline ("Ad") BOX-10 | 16 Jul 1840 | 17 Apr 1917 |
| 6th GENERATION | | | |
| 32 | Isaiah ZANE-843 | Abt 1812 | 15 Jun 1852 |
| 33 | Penelope Jane MEANS-844 | 9 Aug 1814 | 13 Jan 1871 |
| 34 | Reuben Franklin BOX-6 | 8 Dec 1808 | 7 Jul 1854 |
| 35 | Lucy Elizabeth PARKER-7 | 13 Dec 1817 | 29 Dec 1893 |
| 7th GENERATION | | | |
| 64 | Silas ZANE Jr-845 | 1781 | 1823 |
| 65 | Annie BLAND-846 | | |
| 68 | Josiah (?) BOX-667 | | |
| 70 | Samuel PARKER Sr-658 | 19 Feb 1793 | 5 Oct 1856 |
| 71 | Fanny MILLER-659 | 22 Aug 1793 | 9 Dec 1822 |
| 8th GENERATION | | | |
| 128 | Silas ZANE Sr-847 | 1745 | 1785 |
| 129 | Katherine R MCCULLOCH-848 | 1752 | 1832 |
| 9th GENERATION | | | |
| 256 | William Andrew ZANE-849 | 26 Nov 1712 | 1779 |
| 257 | Nancy Ann NOLAN-850 | | |

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| 10th GENERATION | | |
| 12 Nathaniel ZANE-851 | 24 Aug 1670 | 20 Feb 1728/1729 |
| 13 Grace RAKESTRAW-852 | | 6 Oct 1741 |
| ----- | | |
| 11th GENERATION | | |
| 24 Robert ZANE-853 | 1642 | 27 Jan 1694/1695 |
| 25 Margaret HAMMOND-854 | | 1670/1673 |
| 26 William RAKESTRAW-857 | Abt 1670/1680 | |
| 27 Grace (RAKESTRAW)-858 | | |
| ----- | | |
| 12th GENERATION | | |
| 14 Robert ZANE-855 | Abt 1620 | |
| 1 WILMOT-856 | Abt 1620 | |
| ===== | | |

EDUCATION, PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS

| | |
|------------------|--|
| ACCOUNTING | Guy Earnest GUTHRIE Jr (C.P.A.)
Donna (CIRELLI) MULLER (B.A. Westchester State University - Music Major/ C.P.A.) |
| ARCHITECTURE | Glenn Kenneth BOX (B.A. Cal Berkeley)
Charles Wesley WHITE (Architect) |
| ART | Frances (LaVELLE) BOX (USC School of Design)
David Andrew MULLER (in Art School, NYC) |
| AUTHOR | Minnie (HINKSON) BARTON (Weselsky family history)
Mark Andrew BEHM (B.A. UC Santa Cruz/ M.A. Univ. of Illinois/ Ph.D. in progress/ Technical manual author)
H Guy HUGHES (local Tulare Co lore)
Jane (GUTHRIE) MULLER (B.A. Scripps College/ local Tulare Co and Guthrie family history).
Reta (RAGAR) ORNER (Writes a column on the Mid-East)
Linda (PACINI) PITELKA (B.A., M.A. Cal State Humboldt; Ph.D. in progress Univ of Mass/ 5 books completed.) |
| BANKING | Katie BROWN (B.A. Univ of Michigan; MBA UC Berkeley; Supervising Financial Analyst, Federal Reserve)
Nadine (COATES) MULLER (B.A. St Mary's Moraga, CA/ Chief Financial Officer)
Frances (ODOM) GUTHRIE (Mortgage Banking)
Charlotte (ORNER) LOEFFEL (Chief Teller) |
| BUSINESS (Gen'l) | Rhoda (ORNER) ARNOLD (Electronics Shop)
David Donnal BEHM (Business Rep for Hotel Employee & Restaurant Employee Union Local 681)
Paul Allen BOX (Sales & Warehouse Management-Macy's, Circuit City, Office Club)
Jon Steven CAGLE (Office Equipment Sales)
John W V CALDWELL (Livery Business in Santa Rosa & Tulare)
Kerri COLE (Production Analyst for |

McClellan Air Force Base)
 Loren DeVEE (Public Garage & Ambulance Service)
 Cheryl (GUTHRIE) ENGLE (B.S., FSU/ Dietician-Beverly Enterprises)
 Stan ENGLE (Ski Resort Manager)
 Flo (MANTER) GUTHRIE (Heald's Business College S.F./Accountant and Secretary 1908-9)
 Wiley Galen GUTHRIE (Warehouseman)
 Elijah Preston HOWELL (Trading Post owner and Merchant)
 Henry Clay LAFFERTY (Bootmaker and Shoe Shop owner, Santa Rosa, CA)
 Ronald Wyman LAPIC (Myacama Industries, Ukiah-devices for handicapped)
 Lloyd LYNCH (Meat Cutter)
 Nickels Cornelius MATZEN (Vice President, Pioneer Hatchery, Petaluma/ Western States Sales Manager)
 William Nicholas MORGAN Sr (Cigar maker)
 Kim (McCALL) NELSON (Discover Card)
 Lynn (WRIGHT) NORRIS (Children's Shoe Store)
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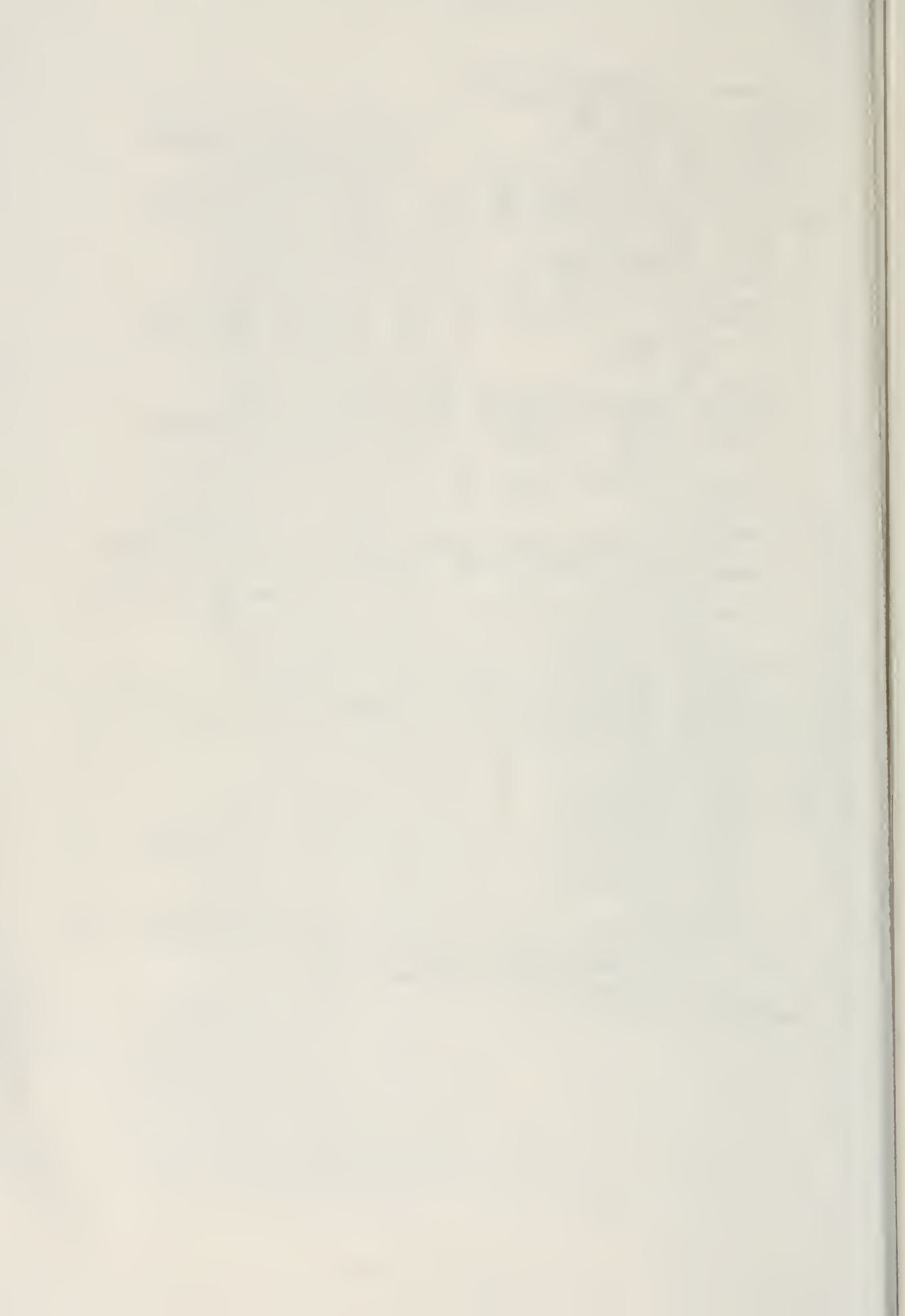
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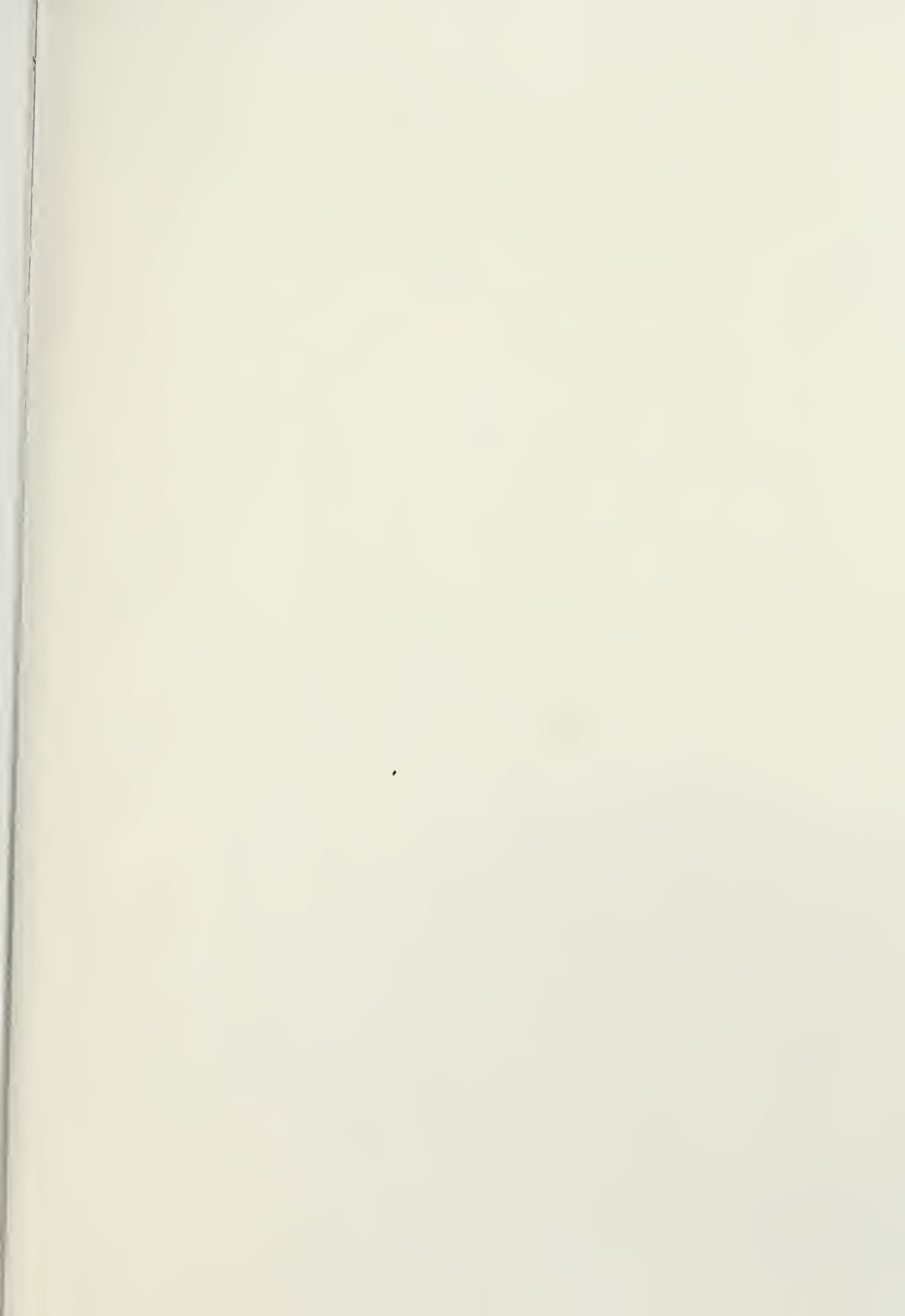
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